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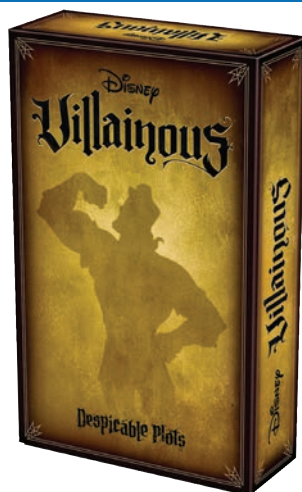


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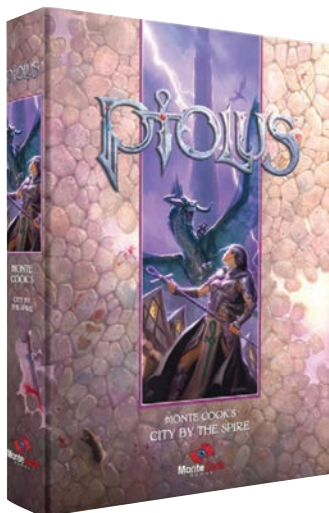
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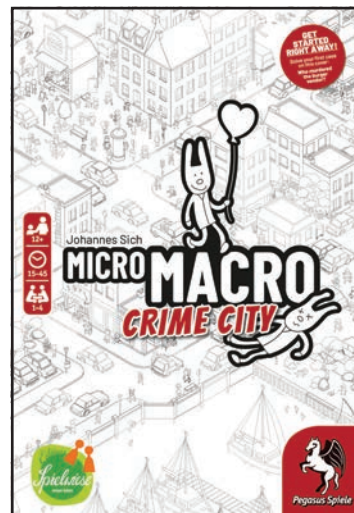
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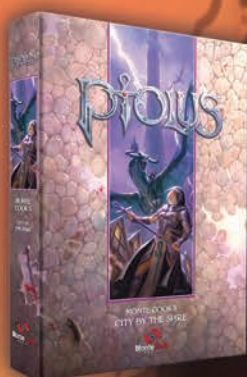
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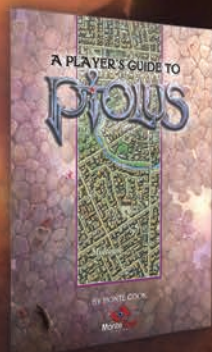
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### Greetings Dear Readers!

Welcome to your March issue of *Game Trade Magazine*!

I love winter — having grown up among the valleys and mountains of Vermont, the cold has never been much of a bother for me, so I've always met March with a curious mix of emotions: I look forward to spring, of course, with its sunny, warm weather, but I begin to mourn the departure of winter's stillness and beauty.

Or, perhaps, what I'm actually missing are the many opportunities to stay indoors and play fun games with great friends? It's certainly a mystery, but if great games and mysteries are your cup of tea, we certainly have a selection for you to enjoy in this issue.

This month, the crew over at Renegade Game Studios showcase their sci-fi offerings — from escaping a mysterious dimension in *Gravwell*, to taking on the role of the intrepid scientist with *In Search of Planet X*, the team at Renegade has something for all fans of space exploration!

The challenges don't end there! The team behind *The Night Cage* detail how this suspenseful instant classic came to be. With a fun and unique board-building system, we expect *The Night Cage* to be a definite hit with fans of horror-themed co-op play. Whatever you do, don't let your candle go out as you try to escape this shadowy labyrinth!

Of course, the shadows are not the only place villains hide — sometimes their machinations are right out in the open! In this issue, Ravensburger spotlights the evil plans of the Horned King, Lady Tremaine, and Gaston in their latest Disney *Villainous* expand-alone, *Despicable Plots*!

However, if you prefer your games to be a more...heroic, look no further than the latest *DC HeroClix Expansion* from WizKids. Celebrating eight decades of rich comic book history, the *Wonder Woman 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* set shines a long overdue spotlight on the Amazon Princess, her greatest allies and enemies, as well as members of the various Lantern Corps. This set will be a must-have for any fans of DC Comics!

Last, and most certainly not least, check out the article and gatefold in this month's issue from the team at Beadle & Grimm — welcome to a whole new era of "Geek Luxury"!

All this and more, friends.

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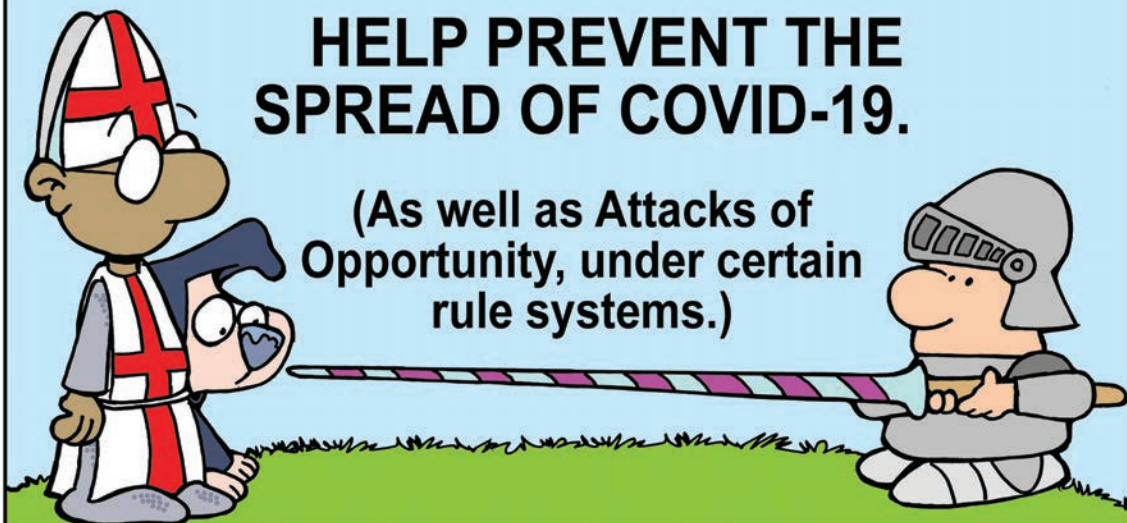
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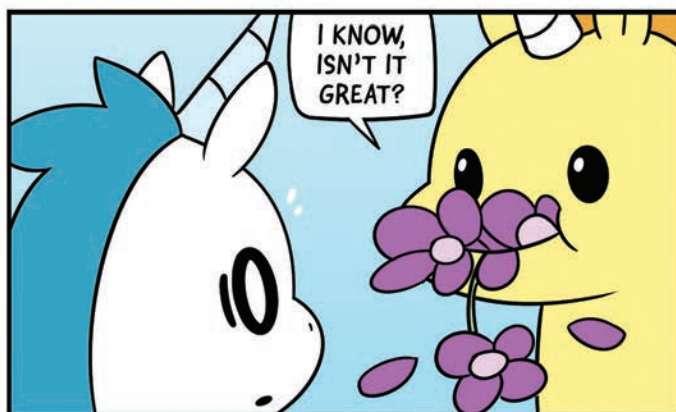
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## WHAT IS GAME TRADE MAGAZINE ANYWAY?

The serious games magazine for serious gamers, **Game Trade Magazine (GTM)** is the most reliable, accessible monthly periodical for the latest, most comprehensive information of product in the world of games and hobby supplies.

Packed with insider scoops, insightful reviews, designer diaries, and extensive overviews of upcoming product, plus exclusive excerpts, scenarios, and collectible inserts from your favorite games and manufacturers, there's no better monthly resource than **GTM** to tap into to feed your gaming needs!

**GTM** provides both retailer and consumer-friendly information on product from a broad spectrum of publishers and manufacturers slated for **release within a two- to three- month window from the publication date**. While there will be the occasional exception, if you find something you want in our January issue, you can expect to see it release in your Friendly Local Game Store (FLGS) in March or April.

The material in **GTM** is presented in a practical, handy format to empower you with the knowledge to make confident, more informed buying decisions. However, every issue of **GTM** is somebody's *first issue*, so we want to make this experience both easy and enjoyable for all.

Ready to roll? Here's what you'll discover within the pages of your friendly neighborhood **Game Trade Magazine...**

## GAME TRADE MAGAZINE CONTENT

Each month, you will find content penned by your favorite manufacturers, tricks and tips from **GTM** contributors, and product reviews from gamers just like you. Here's the breakdown:

**FROM THE EDITOR/FOREWORD:** In every issue you will find greetings and assorted musing from one of the members of the **GTM** Bullpen. Every now and then we will hide an "Easter Egg" in this section so be sure to give it a read!

**COVER STORY:** Each month a different game or manufacturer gets top billing in **GTM** and this article is all about the awesome and incredible products or games you will find featured on our cover!

**FEATURES:** Featured articles are contributions from the manufacturer and are selected by the **GTM** Bullpen as *especially* worth your time and consideration. Oftentimes, Featured articles are about key releases or expansions from fan-favorite manufacturers and publishers.

**SPOTLIGHTS:** These are products that have released and are available at your FLGS or FLCS. Spotlight articles are authored by the manufacturers and often contain helpful hints, interesting back stories and more to help enhance your play experience.

**PREVIEWS:** These are articles directly from the manufacturers or publishers about all of the cool things they have coming down the pipeline. Products featured in these articles will often be the next HOT item to find in your FLGS or FLCS, so be sure to make a note so you won't miss out!



**DESIGNER DIARIES:** These articles are the **ULTIMATE** in the behind-the-scenes experience for games! Written by the designers themselves, **Designer Diaries** offer a sneak-peek into the minds of your favorite creators and are filled with insights, funny anecdotes and all the challenges to be overcome in order to make your favorite games.

**REVIEWS:** Industry professionals and gaming enthusiasts offer play-by-play commentary as they grab their dice, test-run a variety of board games, roleplaying systems and sourcebooks, and hobby accessories, and serve up no-nonsense, applicable advice and insight from their experience.



**EXCLUSIVES:** While virtually **ALL** of the content you'll find in **GTM** is exclusive to our pages, these articles are truly **only found in Game Trade Magazine**. Whether it be a heretofore unseen scenario for a fan-favorite game or an industry insider's tips and tricks, **GTM Exclusives** are a not-to-be-missed monthly resource!

**GAMES SECTION:** Here's a sneak peek at what's arriving — usually in 2-3 months — on your Friendly Local Game (FLGS) or Comic Store's (FLCS) shelves in the months to come, organized by manufacturer and game system. Each product listed in your **GTM** will include a brief description, a picture (when available!), the Alliance Game Distributors item code (for easy ordering at your FLGS!) and the price.



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Black Panther, Ghost Rider, Hulk, She-Hulk, Spider-Man and Wolverine form the New Fantastic Four in this Fast Forces pack to accompany the Booster Brick. Fast Forces are a great way for players to create a new thematic team right out of the box! Scheduled to ship in July 2020.  
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Throughout each issue of **Game Trade Magazine (GTM)**, you'll find a variety of terms that will help you in selecting items from the **Games Section**. Here's what they all mean!

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**SPOTLIGHT ON**

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# TRAVEL TO THE FAR REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE IN THESE STELLAR SPACE-BASED GAMES

The vast mystery of space is a theme used often in board games. From games based on cinematic space opera trilogies or narratives ranging from cyberpunk to reimagined westers, designers will always be inspired by the great unknown.

Bringing these experiences to the tabletop is no easy feat, but thankfully there are plenty of designers up to the task. Whether it's a hard-science-based or a science-fiction-based game, there are plenty of choices that'll have you hurtling through space or, if you prefer, laying back and enjoying what the stars above have to offer.



## **GRAVWELL 2ND EDITION** (RGS 02191 • \$40.00)

In *Gravwell 2nd Edition*, you and your opponents command ships that have been sucked into a black hole and transported into a new dimension. With your ship's fuel supply dwindling, you'll have to gather resources from nearby asteroids and use the dimension's gravitational pull to find the warp gate that will get you home.

Players draft three pairs of cards from a common pool in order to move their ships, then reveal simultaneously. Each pair has one face-up and face-down card, so your opponents only receive partial information of your plans to escape.

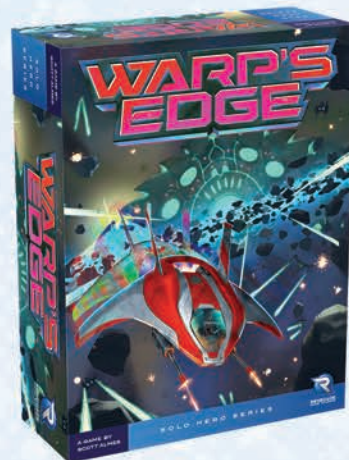
Movement in this dimension isn't straightforward, however; depending on how your opponents play their card, you'll sometimes find yourself moving away from the warp gate! It's a race to get home and the first player to make it to the warp gate wins the game. If no ships have made it there after six rounds, the closest to the warp gate wins.

The second edition *Gravwell* retains the same solid game play of the original but includes new spaceship miniatures as well as new art by Kwanchai Moriya. It can now be played by six players instead of four and each ship has a new dashboard of special abilities. Can you make it to the warp gate first and safely travel home? Or will you be lost forever in the *Gravwell*?

## **WARP'S EDGE** (RGS 02072 • \$35.00)

Designer Scott Almes has had a prolific career producing a series of wonderful small-box games with solo variants. With *Warp's Edge*, he focuses on the single-player experience, producing an immersive and outstanding game, and includes a separate narrative book by Banana Chan, which allows you to customize your ship for your upcoming game.

As Taylor Minde, rookie pilot in the Outer Rim division, you find yourself stranded from your fleet, lost and alone. With fuel and resources running low, you desperately attempt to find your way home via the warp gates, only to find yourself deep behind enemy lines. You're about to be blown to smithereens when your ship's experimental SAVIOR protocol warps you back to the start of the battle. Can you use your recently gained knowledge about the enemy to successfully maneuver your way to safety this time?



At its heart *Warp's Edge* is a deck and bag builder, as you cycle through your deck of cards and the tokens for triggering different effects. But it's much more than that: you'll need to figure out how to build your deck and bag to complete your mission. If you make it to the showdown with the mothership you'll soon learn if your gaming skills were up to the challenge. Don't worry

if your ship meets its untimely demise, though; with games lasting between 30-45 minutes you'll have plenty of time for multiple runs at that big bad boss.

## **THE SEARCH FOR PLANET X** (RGS 02079 • \$40.00)

In 2016 scientists published their "Planet Nine" hypothesis, based on the unique orbits of dwarf planets, gas clouds and other observable objects in the solar system. *The Search for Planet X* is a fantastic re-creation of the science community gathering data, making hypotheses, and discovering new celestial bodies.







Each player is a scientist and must take notes of the evidence presented to them, eventually deducing the location of the elusive planet. Being the first to discover the elusive planet doesn't guarantee the victory, though. Offer solid theories on what is in each sector of the sky and you'll score points as well, but you'll lose points if your theories prove to be incorrect.



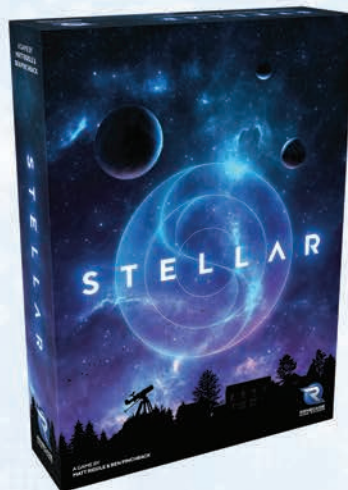
On your turn you'll use the integrated app to either survey for an object, target a sector, research a topic, or locate Planet X. The app will provide you clues based on what you've selected and while other players won't know what you were told, they can keep track of what action you selected. Peer reviews and conferences also happen, allowing you to obtain more information to back up your theories. They may also render them obsolete, giving your opponents an advantage in finding Planet X.



## STELLAR (RGS 02050 • \$20.00)

Using your trusty telescope, you gaze up into the sky to see planets, moons, and other celestial objects. You'll track these in your notebook, hoping to score more points based on what's in your telescope and notebook.

*Stellar* features deceptively simple play: choose a card from the celestial objects row, then place it into your telescope tableau or your notebook tableau. Then depending on the number of the card you played, you'll take the corresponding card from the celestial objects row and place it in the other tableau.



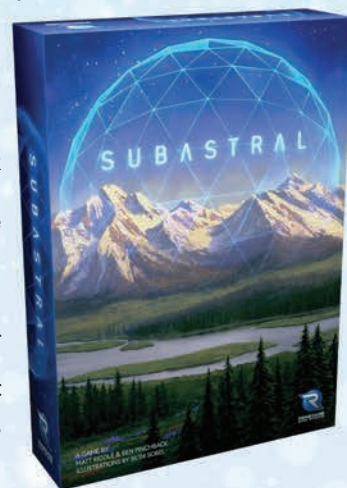
This is the brilliance of *Stellar*: with only 11 total turns in the game (which will fill up your telescope tableau), each turn features a tough decision. Which card do you take from the row into your hand? Which card do you play from your hand, and do you play it into your notebook (set collection) or your telescope (area majority)? Will draft a card to benefit yourself or deny your opponent the chance to score?

Much like another Renegade Game Studios title, *Arboretum*, *Stellar* offers sublime card art with tension-filled turns. Gazing up into the night sky has never been more competitive.

## SUBASTRAL (RGS 02196 • \$20.00)

The newest release from Renegade Game Studios, *Subastral* is another small-box game in the tradition of *Stellar* and *Arboretum*: games that surprise you with their strategic depth and ease of play.

Designed by Matt Riddle and Ben Pinchback, the team that brought you *Stellar*, and illustrated by Beth Sobel, the artist of *Arboretum*, *Subastral* allows players to study various terrestrial biomes of Earth.



Like *Stellar* and *Arboretum*, *Subastral* features clever and tense card play in a beautifully illustrated package of cards. The game is for 2-5 players and like the designers' previous game *Stellar*, *Subastral* includes factoids to enhance this "thinky" gaming experience.



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# WONDER WOMAN

80TH ANNIVERSARY

**HEROCLIX**

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## DC HEROCLIX: WONDER WOMAN 80TH ANNIVERSARY BOOSTER BRICK (10)

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Wonder Woman returns to the *HeroClix* tabletop for her 80th anniversary in April 2021! This 5-figure booster release is jam-packed with iconic allies like the Amazons like Artemis and members of the Justice League like Batman and Superman. There are also plenty of classic villains seen in television, comics, and movies like Ares, Harley Quinn, and The Cheetah. This set also features a new, larger scale to allow for better details and new terrain on all figures that makes them come alive on the tabletop!

In terms of gameplay this set expands upon previous releases with more Captains, Sidekicks, and Allies in addition to new Mission Point alternate win condition effects seen earlier in 2021. There are also plenty of fan-favorite *HeroClix* mechanics here including several "Shifting Focus" Wonder Woman figures, brand-new equipment-objects like the Lasso of Truth, and the return of Lantern Constructs with a new twist! To top it all off there is also a new Wonder Woman Ally team ability!

To get a glimpse of all of these mechanics and more, check out these never-before-seen previews!



First up, we have a brand-new Captain version of Superman! Superman can be played an astounding 275 points or 125 points and he has the Captain Role Tag. His trait is a little different than other Captains, but at the same time more powerful, he can only give the effect to 1 Sidekick, but it grants that Sidekick Invulnerability until the end of your next turn! He also has very strong combat values including a 15 movement on the top dial of his 275-point line! The last thing you may notice is he has the new Wonder Woman Ally team ability. This team ability grants Super Senses, but only on a result of a 6. If the character already can use Super Senses like Superman can frequently on his dial, instead you can increase the result by +1. *HeroClix* does not get new team abilities like this often, so it is awesome to be featured so prominently in the first set it has been released!



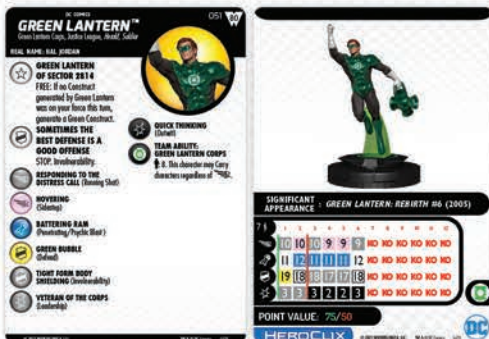
Next up, we have the Rare version of Wonder Woman! The Shifting Focus mechanic returns to *HeroClix* for this set featuring Wonder Woman. This time there is also an added effect that allows her to interact with the new Wonder Woman equipment. When Wonder Woman uses Shifting Focus, she removes the objects without scoring it, but the other trait "Princess of Themiscyra" allows her to equip any Wonder Woman equipment when she starts the game. This provides the ultimate flexibility for Shifting Focus by not only replacing the character, but also allowing her to pick any Wonder Woman equipment needed for a situation! The rest of her dial has strong combat values, plenty of maneuverability, and her damage power that can reduce opposing characters defense. Be on the lookout for more Shifting Focus Wonder Woman in the set as well.







With Wonder Woman equipment in mind, take a look at the Lasso of Truth! This object allows the equipped character to use incapacitate with a range of 4 as FREE. And if that character also happens to have the Wonder Woman ally Team Ability, opposing characters adjacent to the original targets also become hit targets. The ability to give opposing characters action tokens is extremely powerful, and the added bonus of hitting more characters as long as the equipped characters have the Wonder Woman Ally team ability is even better. The Wonder Woman equipment also have another effect which, similar to the flexibility seen in Shifting Focus, allows you to swap the Wonder Woman equipment with another Wonder Woman equipment from outside the game!



Getting to our brand-new mechanic, constructs are back in HeroClix! Check out the Super Rare Green Lantern! Green Lantern can be played at 75 or 50 points and starts with a great 19 defense

with Defend on his first click which pairs very nicely with the ability to carry as many as 8 characters with the Green Lantern team ability. He also has two STOP clicks and plenty of other great powers on his dial like Penetrating/Psychic Blast and Outwit. His first trait allows him to generate a Green Construct once per turn. We will take a closer look at his construct and how it works.



The first construct we have is the Catcher's Mitt! As you can see constructs are not conventional object this time around. They have their own combat values and powers. There are three general rules that all constructs follow. First, they are immediately KO'd if they aren't within 6 squares of the character that generated them. Second, they do not block line of fire, require opposing characters to break away from them or stop opposing characters from moving when moving adjacent to them. Third, they can't be chosen for Mastermind or have their combat values modified.

With all of that out of the way, the Catcher's Mitt construct has Sidestep to move itself around and a special defense power which gives adjacent friendly characters Energy Shield/Deflection. Constructs are extremely useful in their bystander-like forms, but that also puts them at risk of being KO'd more easily than other objects. Fortunately, they can come back to the game pretty easily with the characters that make them.

There are plenty of exciting things to come in this 80th anniversary celebration set! Be on the lookout for more previews coming soon!

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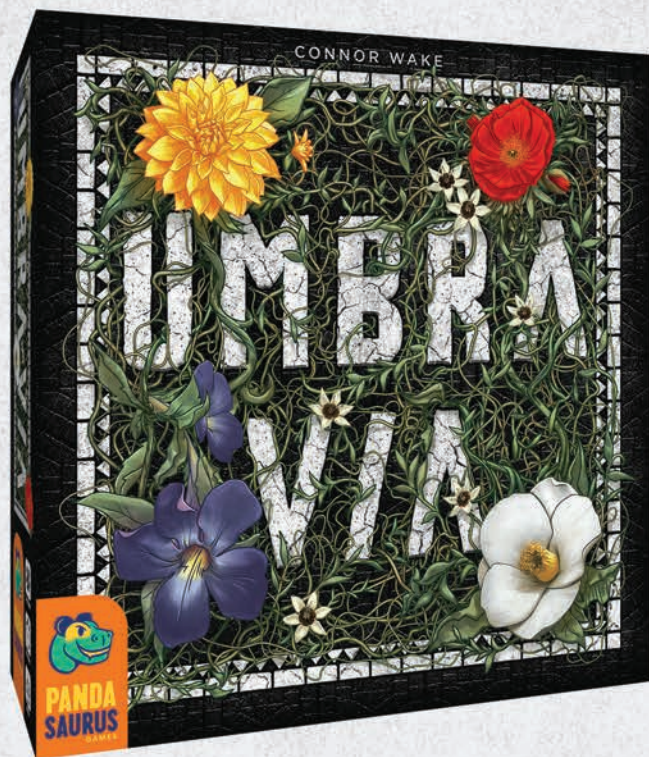




## UMBRA VIA

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At the start of 2018, *Inis* had become my new favourite game. What I really liked about it was how it was an area control game, but you didn't always want to kill all of your opponents. One of the win conditions is to be in control of regions where there are at least 6 other players' units there. You can't kill everyone. You can't brute force your way through it. You have to keep an unsteady peace with your opponents.

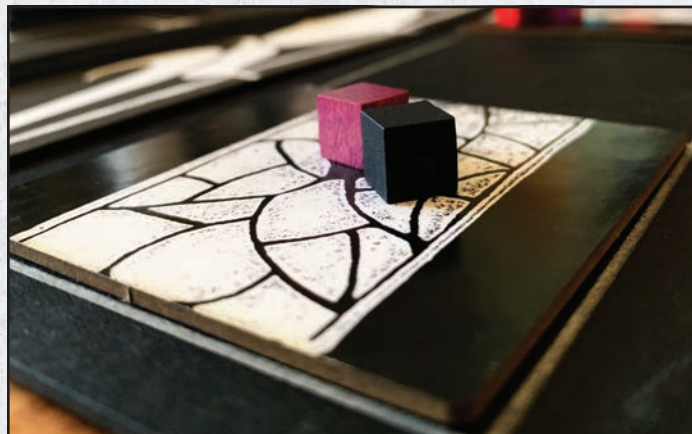


At this point I had started thinking about designing games myself. Inspired by *Inis*, in my notes app I wrote:

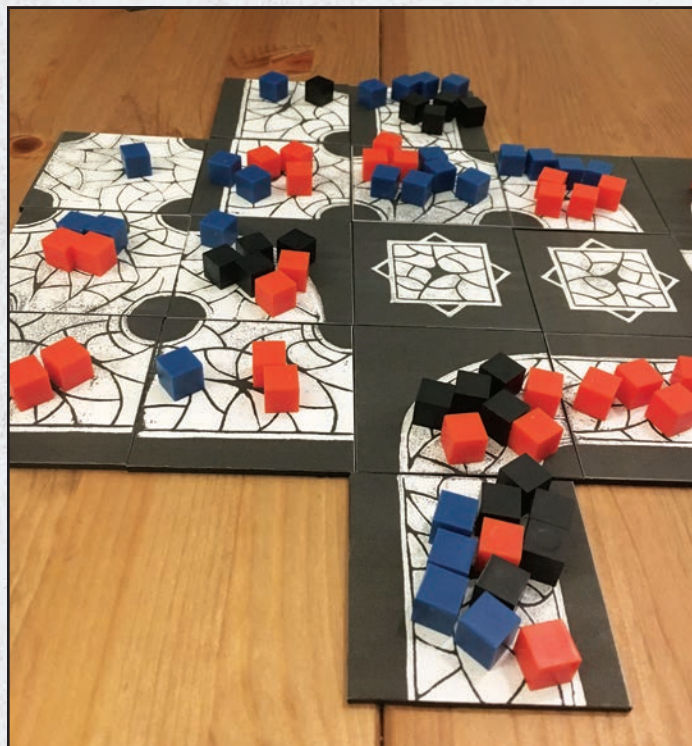
I wanted to make a game that took that idea from *Inis* a bit further. Something where you weren't allowed to kill all of your opponents' stuff if it was in the way. You'd have to deal with it and work around it instead. In real life, this mechanic shows up in gerrymandering so I took some inspiration from there. Instead of just getting rid of your opponents' stuff, you'd have to shuffle things around so that it comes out in your favour. The key point in *Umbra Via* was that I wanted players to be in direct conflict with each other, but not able to use direct force.

I also wanted players to be able to do well playing off of instinct and have a good time against people who are thinking through every possible outcome. Oftentimes when playing, I'm either tired or stressed and not really up for only having a good time if I can out-compute whoever I'm playing against. So, I decided I wanted pure

logical thinking to cause the player to get a bit stuck. To force people to go with their instinct instead and level that playing field. This is why I wanted to add a constrained, hidden bid to the game.



Figuring out someone's intentions is tricky, some people will even write it off as random. But to me, that's the most interesting part of playing games with other people. If you try to just logic your way through a blind bid, you can end up with the classic *Princess Bride* poison cup scenario. If you take a step back and don't get sucked down the logical rabbit hole, you have enough information to figure out the fuzzy probabilities of what someone might do. Also, I simply prefer those types of decisions, where there is no exact answer and things are fuzzy, but you've still got a lot to go off of!







Since *Umbra Via* isn't a big box game, there was a lot of swapping out of a lot of mechanisms, scoring systems, etc to make it work with my goals. The iterations of the game were often unrecognisable. (I could fill another few designer diaries with all that). Through all those versions, those overarching goals were how I eventually settled on the core of *Umbra Via*. Each round, players receive 6 tokens to secretly bid on 4 different tiles over two rounds of bidding. The player with the most cubes on the tile gets to choose where it goes, determining the shape of the paths you're building and trying to control. However, everyone's cubes stay on the tile so you're picking where the tile and everyone's cubes go. When paths close off, players are rewarded based on how long the path is, as well as how they ranked in the path.

The two rounds of bidding came out of trying to help players feel informed enough to actually be able to go off of instinct. When I first brought the game to my housemates Jevin and Jordan to test it out, I was stuck about how to handle getting the players' cubes onto the tiles. On one hand, you could have players bid one cube at a time — which was very slow, but let you see the other player's intentions. On the other hand, you could allocate and bid all of your cubes at once — which was very quick and exciting, but didn't give the players much to go off of so it felt more random.

I brought this up with my housemates and how I wasn't happy with either of them. Then Jordan simply said, "Well why don't we do two rounds then?" This turned out to be perfect and never changed after that first playtest. Players get 6 total cubes, then bid on the tiles three cubes at a time. The first round is a chance for surprise, and in the second round players have made their intentions public so you get to respond to that.



You'll probably notice how I haven't talked about the theme yet. What got me into board game design was the idea of crafting an experience for players. With *Umbra Via*, I specifically thought about making a game my partner and friends would enjoy. During the design process, it did exactly that, hitting all of the experience notes I wanted it to: conflict without violence, and being able to play off of the other players and your gut feeling. However, these goals never really inspired a theme that lined up with the mechanics.

I tried all sorts of changes to the game to make a theme fit, but it always seemed to take away from that core experience. In the end, wrapping *Umbra Via* in the dressings of a mysterious ritual felt fitting. The game has you advocate for painted tokens with no pretense. It works because everyone agrees these tokens are important, that they represent you and your interests. This felt very similar to spells to me, where the objects used are meant to represent so much more.

Keeping the theme more abstract allowed for simpler art that was easier to read. Ultimately, it's the feeling of playing with the mechanics and the other players around the table, trying to carefully balance all the different parts of the game, that makes *Umbra Via* what it is. I love what Pandasarus did with the game. It's amazing seeing it brought to life. I can't wait for more people to try it out!

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# OAK & IRON

## EXPANSION DECK VOL. 1

by Mitch Reed

The developers from *Firelock Games Oak & Iron* went right back to work on how they can improve their game as COVID-19 shut down most of the country. Normally the shuttering of local game stores would put game improvements on hold since no one is playing. However, the team at Firelock looked at how they can leverage technology and allow players to play this brand-new game in a safe environment. The Firelock team leveraged online "sandbox" platforms to allow players to enjoy the game despite being locked down and got to see what needed tweaking and what the community wanted to see added to the game.

The result was the *Oak & Iron Expansion Deck Vol. 1*, which adds even more flavor to the game and incorporates some of the errata that came out since the game's initial release. This deck features 50 cards and includes 11 new Upgrades cards, 19 new generic Admiral cards, and reprints of cards that had errata in update 1.01.

Many of us saw when we played online that having a good Admiral leading your battlefleet was a key to success in *Oak & Iron*. Many of the named Admirals came at such a high point cost that some players did not fully utilize them in the game. Now with the Generic Admiral cards, a player can select from a number of Untested, Seasoned and Experienced Admirals and gain their benefits at much lower cost. The generic cards effect so many of the mechanics of the game, such as the Brilliant Admiral who increases the skill level of their flagship or the Inspiring Admiral which allows you to quickly lower the fatigue on your stressed-out ships. Players will immediately see how these new leaders make list building a bit easier since you do not have to sacrifice another upgrade to get the Admiral who will help you execute your battleplan.

The upgrade cards included this pack are ones that every player needs to have to help them build that unbeatable force. These upgrades are all generic and cards such as "Marines" helps players who do not have access to cards such as the "Buccaneers" card. The card I just love, and was asked for from the community is the "Dismantling Shot" upgrade, for a single point you can add an attack die to your pool when targeting the enemy's rigging and accounts for specialized ammo such as a chain shot that hopes to disable your targets masts and sails.

Cards such as "Expert Topmen" and "Aggressive Crew" give your ships a dedicated specified free action which comes in handy in the thick of a fight. As I played the game online, I noticed that I had big decisions to make when declaring my crew actions, so having a card like these makes that decision much easier since you can board a ship or change your sail setting for free.

Two cards work together in the pack to give you a really neat option. You can use the "Supply Ship" upgrade for zero points which will allow you to use the "Double Rations" card in your activation hand. This card allows you to remove one point of fatigue from every ship in your command. From playing the game a bunch of times, I cannot tell you how much of a big deal this ability is. It does come at a cost, if this ship gets captured or put out of action you will get more Strike Points scored against you.

Not all of the cards in the deck increase the capabilities of your fleet. Cards such as "Poorly Armed", "Untested Crew" or "Merchants" actually add points back to your point pool. These recapitalized points will weaken some of your ships, but will allow you to afford better upgrades for other ships in your battle line.



One of the cards that I really like is the "Troop Transport" allows you to lower your sails, anchor and put a landing party on a landmass that is within Pistol Range. Some of the missions in the game do require landing parties and getting a ship to stop and place troops was a multi turn endeavor. Now you can have a ship that is tailor made to undertake such a mission.

Only three of the cards in the deck update what was in the 1.01 errata that came out over the summer and gives players an updated Activation Deck and ship upgrades.

Firelock's *Oak & Iron* Expansion Deck Vol1 was an unexpected addition to the game and came about due to what the community experienced and wanted in the game as we played online. Few game developers expand their games so soon after initial release let alone listen to the gamers online. This shows that *Oak & Iron* will have the support from its developers and is sure to become a game that is enjoyed by many for years to come.



# The Villainy Continues with

# Disney Villainous

## Despicable Plots

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### DISNEY VILLAINOUS: DESPICABLE PLOTS

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The award-winning *Disney Villainous* series continues with a new expandalone! In *Disney Villainous*, players take the role of an infamous Disney Villain, each with a unique story-based objective. On their turn, players move to a new location in their Realm, take actions based on the icons there, and play cards from a Villain deck — full of Items, Allies, and other helpful cards — to achieve victory. Opponents can take a Fate action to play meddling Heroes, making it more difficult for other Villains to reach their goals. Each Villain has different strategies to win, as well as different weaknesses their opponents can exploit.

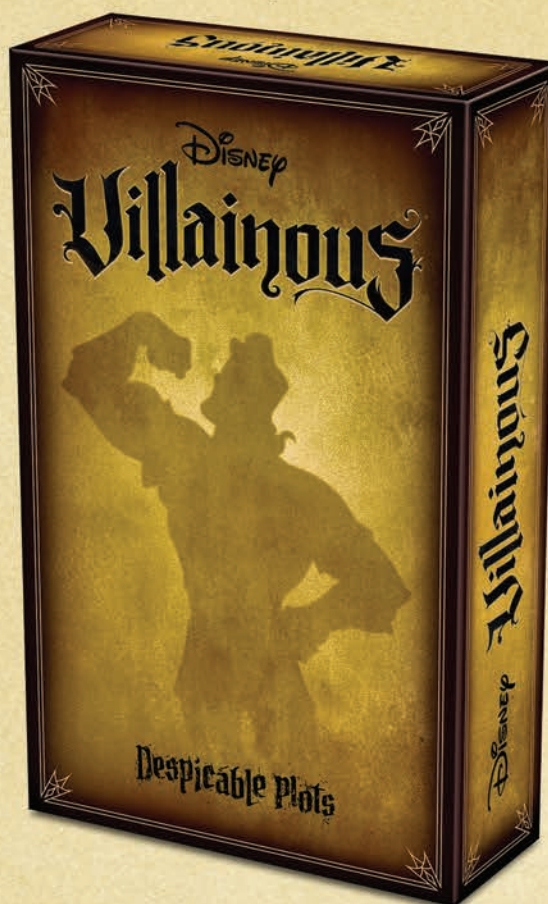
Like each *Villainous* installment preceding it, the Villains in *Disney Villainous: Despicable Plots* have been selected to provide a well-rounded standalone game, though Villains from all *Disney Villainous* boxes can be mixed and matched for up a six-player game. *Despicable Plots* introduces the oft-requested Gaston, the devious Lady Tremaine, and the evil Horned King to the game.

### DON'T I DESERVE THE BEST?

As one of the brawniest Disney Villains, Gaston from "Beauty and the Beast" is represented by a strapping mover of his torso, complete with his belt and quiver. In *Despicable Plots*, Gaston must overcome Obstacles to convince Belle he's the perfect man for her.

Gaston must remove eight Obstacle tokens to complete his objective. Cards like *Temper* directly remove Obstacles, while *Vanquishing* certain Heroes helps him get rid of Obstacles in specific locations. As an added bonus, his *Wolves* Allies stack, gaining strength for every other *Wolves* in play.

Gaston is a powerful Villain, but his Fate deck offers his opponents numerous ways to impede his progress. Heroes like *Cogsworth* can be used to prevent Gaston from removing Obstacles while strengthening other Hero



cards, while Effect cards like *Saving My Life* will replace Obstacles, setting Gaston back. Whenever possible, Gaston's opponents should play Belle, as Gaston is unable to remove Obstacles while she's in play.

### ABOVE ALL, SELF-CONTROL

Lady Tremaine, the villain in "Cinderella," is cruel and cunning.

Her mover represents her gray, heart-shaped pompadour hairstyle, which is a perfect reflection of her severe personality. This severity often shows up in her treatment of her beautiful stepdaughter and is woven into this Villain's gameplay.

In the film, Cinderella's cold-hearted stepmother is bent on marrying one of her daughters to The Prince. The most fitting objective for her, then, is that she must marry Drizella or Anastasia to The Prince to win.

While this goal seems straightforward, there are conditions that must be fulfilled before the marriage. There







ways this can be done: Players can use Show Me The Black Cauldron or use a special Effect card in their Villain deck. Then, the Horned King must power The Black Cauldron to flip the tile to The Power of The Black Cauldron. After this, The Horned King is ready to create his army of Cauldron Born Warriors and place one at each location to achieve victory!



are two versions of Cinderella, Drizella, and Anastasia. One of the versions presents the characters in their everyday dress, while the other shows them outfitted in their ball gowns. Lady Tremaine cannot marry off one of her daughters in their everyday garb, so the player must play swap an everyday dress character for a Ball Gown version. She must also play Invitation from the King and activate Wedding Bells.

Lady Tremaine has plenty of tricks up her sleeve for those intent on stopping her climb to the top. For example, she can trap Heroes in her Realm, which nullifies any Ability they may possess. Additionally, Item cards like Lady Tremaine's Cane can remove the all-important Glass Slipper from play. This changes the course of the game, since this Villain cannot win while a Glass Slipper is in her realm. Of course, Ball Gown Cinderella is a powerful Hero in her own story and has help from the Fairy Godmother as well. Lady Tremaine must work quickly to ensure her plans succeed.

### ARISE, MY MESSENGERS OF DEATH! OUR TIME HAS ARRIVED!

Last but not least is the main antagonist of "The Black Cauldron" — the Horned King! His mover showcases the Black Cauldron as well as the Horned King's head and hands, and is molded in a brilliant, noxious green. The Horned King is profoundly obsessed with the Black Cauldron and goes to great lengths to find it and take control of it, so this object of power had to be central to his gameplay. The Horned King's objective is to fill his Realm with the world using his Cauldron Born warriors — that is, to have Cauldron Born at each location in his Realm, which requires him to use the Black Cauldron.

To emerge as the victor, The Horned King must complete a series of steps. First, he must claim The Black Cauldron. There are two different

While the Horned King is certainly a tough contender, his opponents have ways to cut off his access to the Black Cauldron's power. There is strength in numbers, so Heroes within this Villain's Fate deck often gain strength from each other when they're in the same location. Additionally, Effect cards in his Fate deck will slow down the Horned King's progress by making him discard cards from his hand. Perhaps the most direct way is to play Gurgi's Sacrifice to power down the Black Cauldron — making The Horned King discard one Cauldron Born warrior at the start of his turn until he can power it again. This strategy follows the original narrative, as Gurgi, Taran's loyal companion, sacrifices himself in order to foil the Horned King's plan. Because the Horned King can continuously power the Black Cauldron, this Villain's opponents have ways to get Gurgi's Sacrifice back in play throughout the game, making for an exciting clash each time!

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*The armies have reached the outskirts of Moscow, but time is short. The tanks were replenished with the remaining supplies, but it was not enough to break the defenses. The army has marched hundreds of miles on the snow covered mud and barren ground, getting farther away than their supply bases can support. To this end the railroad was built to transport the supplies, but the enemy has blown the bridges and delayed the transports. Trucks were used to move munitions forward, but the frontline is still so far, and other armies are approaching Moscow to grab the glory for their commanders. They shall not win this race. The munitions will be transported along an alternative route bypassing the blocked tracks. Now the Luftwaffe itself will be crucial to overcome the defenses, but no matter what they must attack now. This could be the only chance to win the race to Moscow.*

"Logistics is the ball and chain of armored warfare", said Heinz Guderian, German WWII general and tank commander. 1941: Race to Moscow is a game of logistical resourcefulness as well as relentless competitiveness, designed by Waldemar Gumienny, published by PHALANX, and distributed by Ares Games. Players assume the roles of quartermasters bound to enable their armies to advance eastward and reach their destination points before armies of their opponents do. The game is a prequel to 1944: Race to the Rhine board game, based on the historical events of the '44 Western Front campaign. Published in 2014 by PHALANX Games, the game was nominated for Golden Geek Awards in the Best Wargame category that year and got the third place in the Wargame category of Tric Trac d'Or 2015.



Focused on the '41 Eastern Front campaign, with the world's strongest army to beat and a difficult logistical puzzle to solve 1941: Race to Moscow brings the system to a completely new level. With much deeper and more demanding gameplay, as the Eastern Front logistics was a nightmare of horse wagon, truck, and train composed supply lines. What is more, the powerful enemy armies are just across the border, getting ready to launch a counter attack.

"Operation Barbarossa", code-name for the German invasion of the Soviet Union, began the largest and most costly campaign in military history, in June 1941, and its failure was a key turning point of the Second World War. Logistics were the key to its failure or success, and this take on the subject has been quite recently made accessible to the wider public in the book "Operation Barbarossa and Germany's Defeat in the East", by David Stahel. This was the inspiration to PHALANX when looking for a successor of 1944: Race to the Rhine.

In 1941: Race to Moscow, the whole Operation Barbarossa is playable in 90 minutes, with an entirely unique game perspective and experience drawing from 1944: Race to the Rhine, but much deeper. Players take the role of quartermasters of three massive Army Groups, formed together from close to 200 divisions, all aimed at the centers of the Soviet Union — Moscow, Leningrad, and Rostov. The campaign itself was planned to be swift and daring, with a goal to reach the objectives before winter. But after the final push — Operation Typhoon — the invading troops reached the vicinity of Moscow and looked through binoculars at the Kremlin spires on one frosty December morning. And then, the Soviet counteroffensive began.

The players' job is to keep the logistics chain working, to make sure the speed of the Blitzkrieg is kept at the highest level and the goals are reached in time. That means they must supply fuel to the tanks, ammo to the guns, food to the troops, and fodder to the horses — yes, most of the German divisions used horse-drawn wagons.

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player, which can be used with the basic game, but also brings new type of locations, new cards of Oceans creatures, and alternative mechanic, replacing the goal-track in the basic game. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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### FOUR GARDENS

The goal of *Four Gardens* is to accumulate the most points on the score board by completing landscape cards and finishing sets. Each finished set creates a panoramic view of a garden, and these sets are called (no surprise) "panoramas". Players can finish panoramas by first laying groundwork cards, acquiring resources by turning the 3D pagoda, and allocating those resources to satisfy the requirements of each groundwork card. Once satisfied, a groundwork card becomes a landscape card. Multiple landscape cards laid in the correct order create a panorama. Each God has their own satisfaction meter which expresses their goodwill towards the gardens and their builders. Players try to please the Gods by completing landscape cards and finishing panoramas. Scheduled to ship in June 2021.

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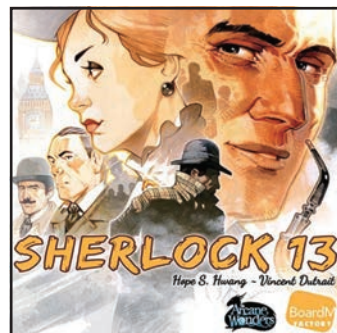
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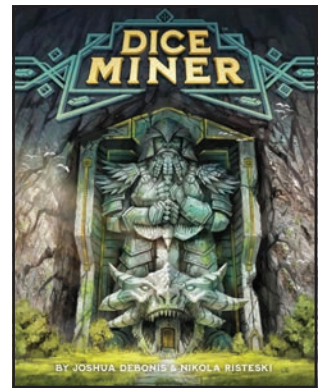


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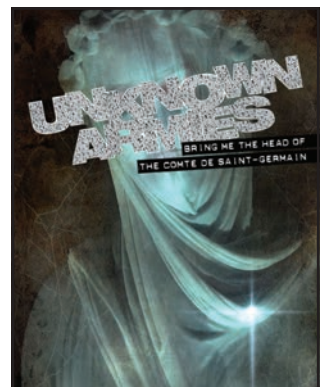
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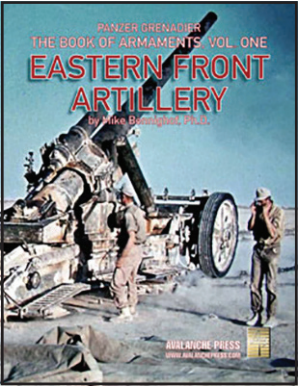


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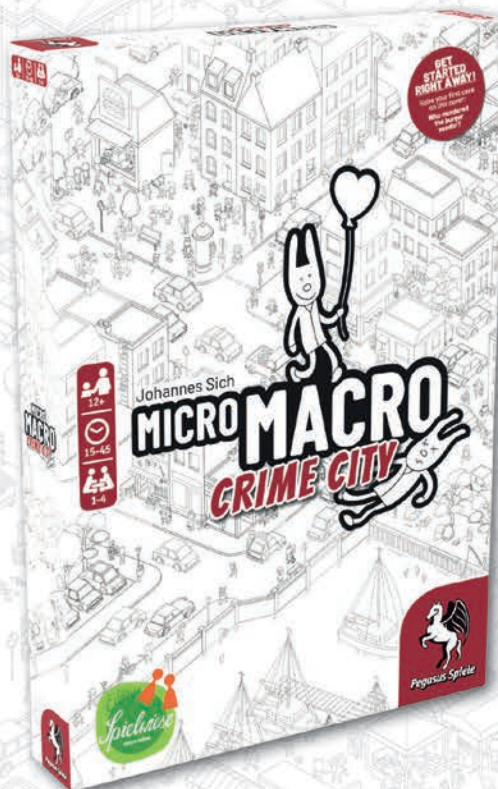
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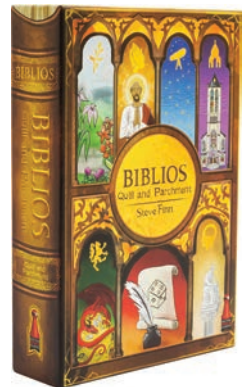
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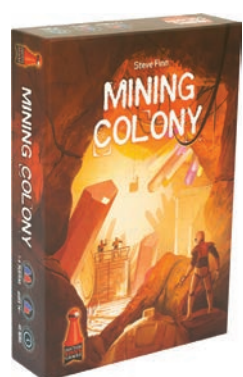
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As Haggatha the Oracle, you deal in fortunes for the unfortunate. Read the stars, divine the future, and twist the fates in your attempts to part folks from their precious gold. Weary adventurers visit your shop in search of hope and guidance. You offer this through lucky charms and horoscopes, but sometimes you need to do a little voodoo, too. *The Oracle* is a new merchant you can play as. It is centered around a roll & write style game, with a pen, dry-erase board, and custom dice tray. Each turn you throw a handful of runes (a coin, bone, voodoo meeples, and dice) into a divided dish, then you record the results on your board in various ways to perform actions and predict the future! Scheduled to ship in April 2021.

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The small island of Kuchinoshima has been hit by a terrible storm, leaving the village with only a single fishing boat. Each hoping to prove themselves the village's best fisherman, 2-4 players take turns moving the boat marker around the island, collecting any fish tiles they land upon. At the end of the day, the player with the best haul wins, but there's a twist—each player's score is added to their left neighbor's score before determining the winner!



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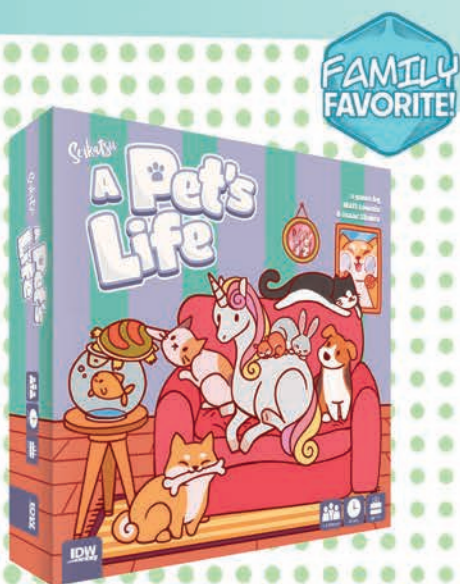
- Officially licensed game based on the fan favorite comic book series and Munchkin card game!
- A must-play for any Munchkin fan, Munchkin TMNT puts a radical spin on the classic Munchkin rules.
- Includes a mounted level tracker and 6 standees featuring artwork by TMNT co-creator Kevin Eastman!



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DESIGNER: STEVE JACKSON GAMES AND JON COHN  
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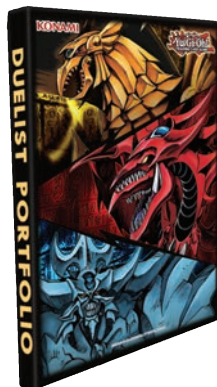
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**YU-GI-OH! TCG: LIGHTNING OVERDRIVE BOOSTER DISPLAY (24)**  
*Lightning Overdrive* is poised to shock the Dueling world and reinvigorate not one, but TWO beloved monsters from the worlds of the Yu-Gi-Oh! animated series! First, Number 39: Utopia from Yu-Gi-Oh! ZEXAL gets a brand-new version of its upgraded Number C39: Utopia Ray form! Alongside comes a new suite of supporting cards that help you Summon Utopia as well as fetch ZW monsters and Rank-Up-Magic Spells out of your Deck. After that, *Lightning Overdrive* rewinds time to Yu-Gi-Oh! 5Ds, and introduces a new upgraded form of Akiza's beloved Black Rose Dragon! **NOTE:** This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability.  
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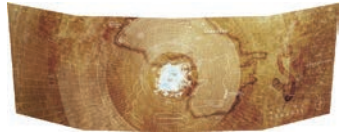


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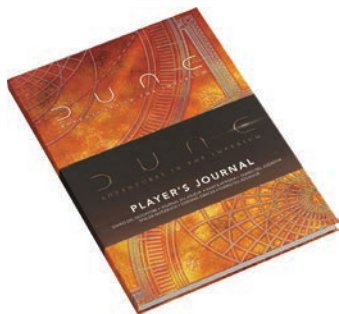
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**DUNE RPG: DICE SET - ARRAKIS**  
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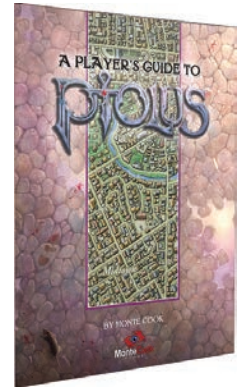


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**PATHFINDER RPG: ADVENTURE PATH - FISTS OF THE RUBY PHOENIX PART 2 - READY? FIGHT! (P2)**  
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Whether your party is venturing into a maze of twisty passages or escaping from the creature that dragged them to the center of its distressingly bone-strewn lair, no Game Master wants to spend time drawing every narrow cave tunnel and dead end. Fortunately, with Paizo's latest *Pathfinder Flip-Mat Classics*, you don't have to! This line of gaming maps provides ready-to-use fantasy set pieces for the busy Game Master. Full of beautiful details, including a fungus-infested cave and a spiraling descent, this double-sided map makes the perfect setting for encounters in the dank and dark! Scheduled to ship in May 2021.  
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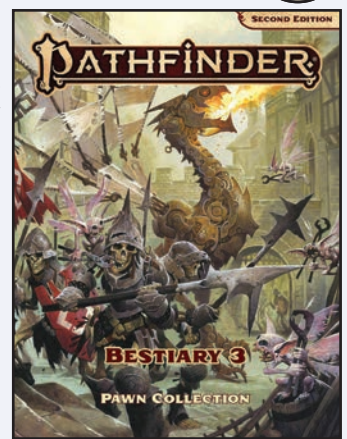


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A city's waterfront is often the heart of its trade, and that makes it the perfect place for smugglers and criminals to hide! *Flip-Tiles: Urban Waterfront Expansion* provides beautifully illustrated 6 by 6 map tiles that can be used to expand your city's waterfront with a variety of piers, boardwalks, canals, and lighthouses. Inside, you'll find 24 richly crafted, double-sided map tiles. This expansion set, along with Pathfinder Flip-Tiles: Urban Starter Set, allows you to create sprawling city maps quickly! So, stop your sketching and start your flipping today. Scheduled to ship in May 2021.  
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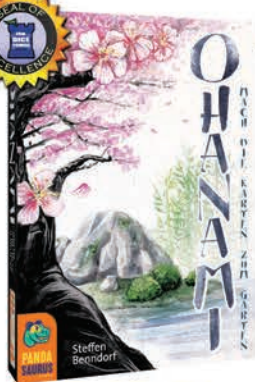
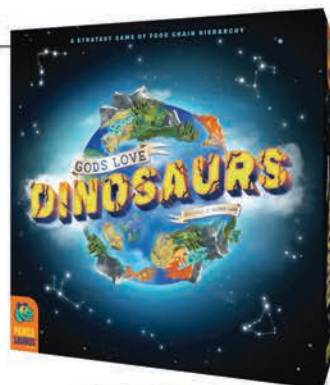


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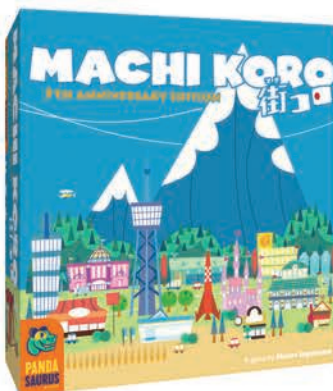
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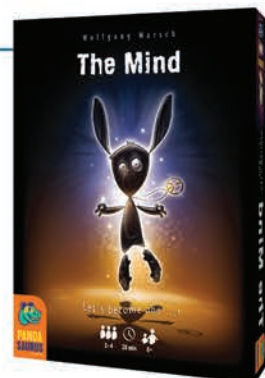
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To help all the players to have the games under control, Phalanx has made the *1941: Race to Moscow Giant Playing Mat*, an expansion that contains 1 giant eco-leather playing mat, printed on one side with enlarged playing areas for easier gameplay. With this essential game component, the game will always be well organized, and all players can plan their moves and actions with perfect knowledge of the current game state. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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**ROCKETMEN**

*Rocketmen*, a new Phalanx game for 1-4 players, is a deck-building confrontation of swift decision-making and tactical choices, giving players the feel of taking a front seat in a technologically wonderful spectacle of space exploration. Players will use their predictive abilities and resource management skills to determine what kind of endeavor would be most suitable for reaching their final goal: paving the way to Earth's celestial neighbours. Players have to plan their mission carefully, equip their shuttles and rockets craftily, and not hesitate when it is time to launch. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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## PHALANX

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**1941: RACE TO MOSCOW**

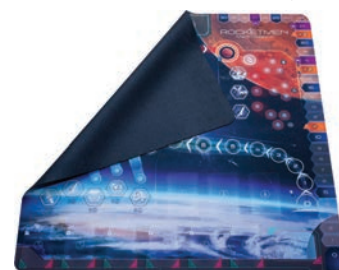
In *1941: Race to Moscow*, players take the roles of the chiefs of staff (or quartermasters) of three massive Army Groups, formed from close to 200 divisions, aiming at three targets in the Soviet Union: Moscow, Leningrad, and Rostov. The campaign was planned to be swift and daring, with a goal to reach the objectives before winter. Mud, a sticky hell which brings your tank charge to a halt; enemy forces whose defeat will cost you not only the last bullet left in your clip but also the last droplet of fuel left in your gas tank; and tactical dilemmas as well as meticulous calculations of how to reroute the completely stuck railroads. These are some of the challenges players need to overcome. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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**1941: RACE TO MOSCOW LARGER LOCOMOTIVES**

In this accessory set, Larger Locomotive Miniatures for the *Giant Playing Mat*, players will find beautiful plastic train miniatures, produced in a high scale, to be used with the *Giant Playing Mat* set, to keep all the in-game miniatures in the same scale. The road to Moscow is not paved with roses, but if you use a bigger playmat, you have to use bigger trains! Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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**ROCKETMEN: GIANT PLAYING MAT**

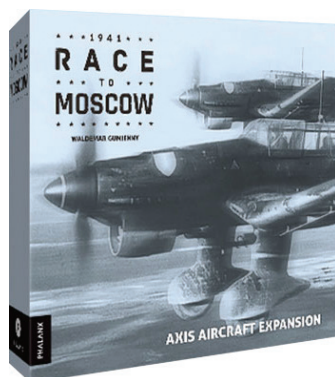
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**ROCKETMEN: MINIATURE EXPANSION SET**

*Rocketmen: Miniature Expansion Set* is what you need to upgrade their presence in the game. In this accessory set, players will find 48 Plastic Mission miniatures (12 per player) in 4 colors, 36 plastic miniature bases (9 per player, clear acrylic) to replace players' tokens, to mark missions that were successfully launched and the mission points. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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### ROCKETMEN: PLAYERS MAT SET

*Rocketmen* is the new boardgame designed by Martin Wallace, a game which lets the players immerse themselves in a fast-paced race to the final frontier: Space. Every player has to organize his explorations managing all his tokens, cards, and miniatures on his player mat. To help players complete this task, Phalanx has made the *Rocketmen: Players Mat Set*, an accessory set that contains 4 neoprene player's mats enlarged with the areas of launch pad and holding area. Scheduled to ship in March 2021.

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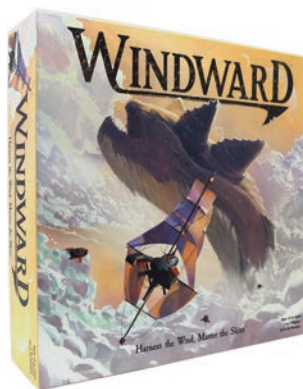


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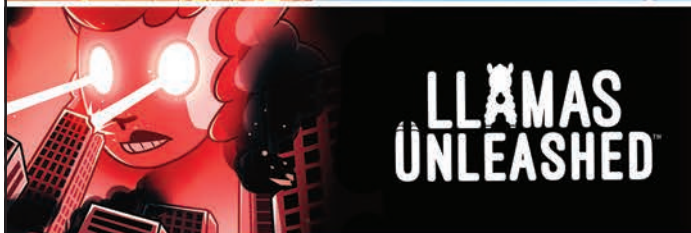
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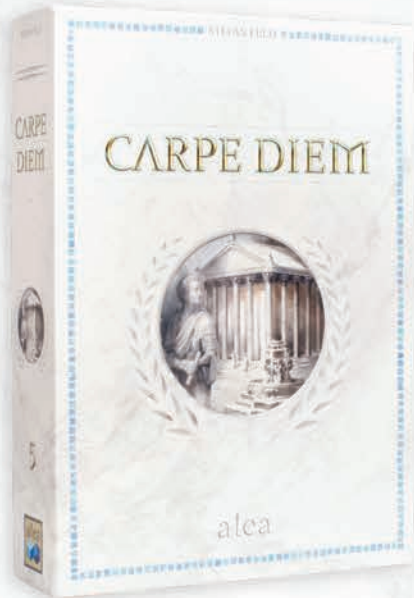
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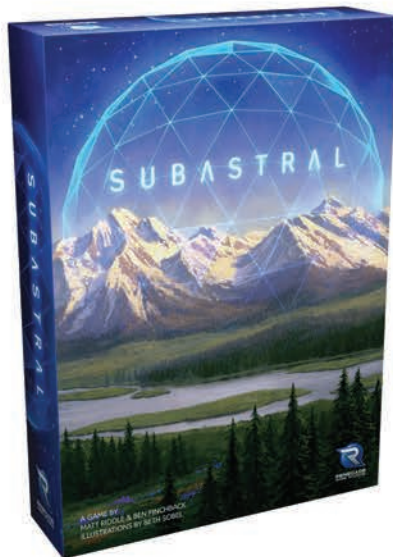
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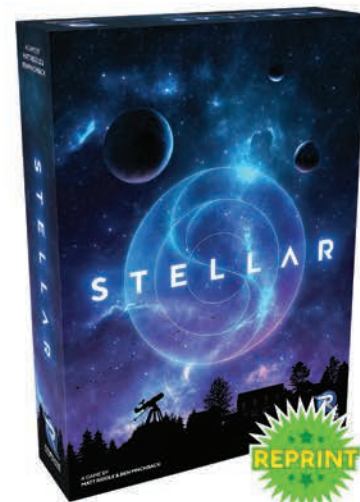
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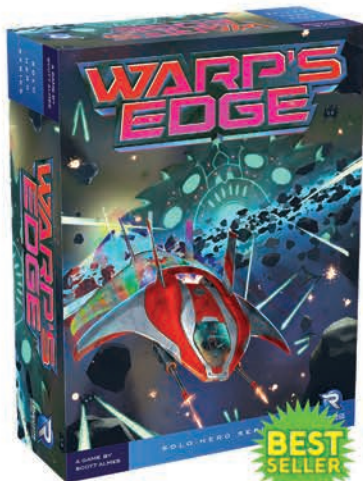
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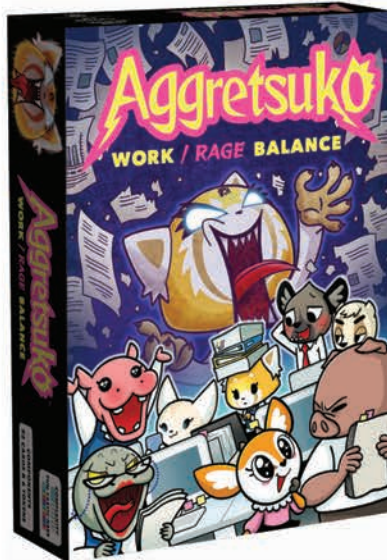
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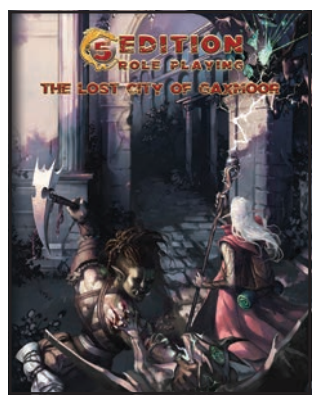
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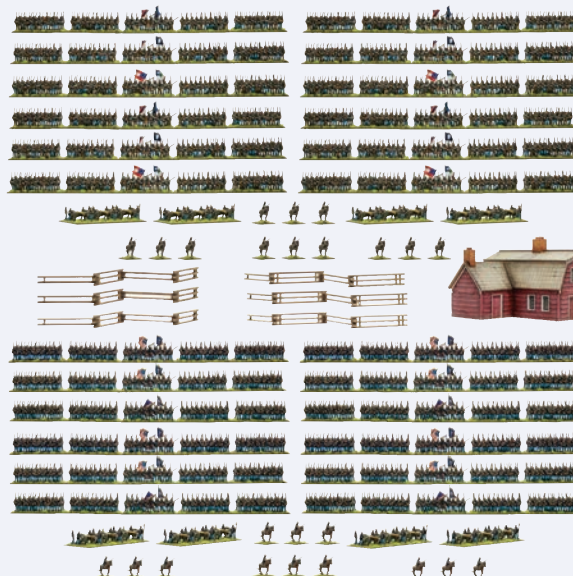
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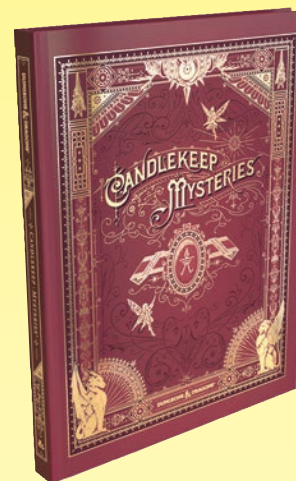
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So, it goes... about fifteen years ago, I found myself plateauing. I was happily married, the father of a baby girl, a homeowner, and a fifth-grade teacher. I needed an adventure — a personal adventure to pursue apart from my selected duties and obligations. I spent much of my youth altering and creating games. I would design a game. Thus, began a years long process that leads to the publication of *Keepers of the Questar*, a fantasy adventure game for all ages.

According to myth, the path a quest follows is a delicate blend of fortitude and fate. I found myself teaching coordinate grids. When looking for a game for my students to practice their skills with, I passed on the standard family of *Battleship* games. My students knew the game too well, so I decided to make the game that I could not find.

The game had to use a coordinate grid, but what else? The class had just finished a *Rock-Paper-Scissors* tournament. We conducted it during indoor recess. Trying to guess what was in another player's head and figure out if your opponent was following any patterns proved to be a lot of fun. If I could, I would include guessing in my design.

The initial design work took place on Friday nights. See, when I was eleven, I started playing *Dungeons & Dragons*. I play it to this day. Friday nights was when we were supposed to play *D&D*, but most of us were newly married, parents of young children, or working way too much. We rarely assembled enough of us to play. If the Dungeon Master showed, then there weren't enough player characters. When there was a table full of players, the DM couldn't make it. Many a session passed with us wistfully imagining what it would be like to teach our kids to play and have regular gaming sessions with them.

Here was another guidepost in the design process, a turning point on my game creation quest. My students loved fantasy. Why

not create a fantasy adventure game that uses coordinate grids and guessing? Why not make something that I could play with my adult friends during a failed *D&D* session — something that would scratch that dungeon-crawling itch? Why not make a game that I could later use to introduce my own kids to adventure gaming and — just as importantly — game mastering?



Lo, years later, *Keepers of the Questar* gives two player the opportunity to face off in a head-to-head dungeon crawl. With each player using two maps laid out on coordinate grids, both players design a quest and populate a labyrinth with monsters, traps, and treasure. Then, they alternate turns leading a party of heroes of muscle, magic, and cunning through the gauntlet their opponent created and vice versa.

At first this all took place on two sheets of paper, so my students could play during indoor recess. I never did use it for math class though. It became too involved. But I did incorporate guessing! Fighting and action resolution are done with guessing. A foe is represented by a range of numbers, the Quest Master secretly selects a target number and the adventuring player tries to guess it. Guess the target number and the villain is defeated! However, every failed guess is a wound. This has an interesting effect, a battle gets easier as it draws out, but it also grows more deadly. Plus, there is no blaming the dice! Tasks, like healing and disarming traps, are resolved when a letter is selected from a thematic target word and guessed at.

Thanks to Bubby Johansen and Mark Shaunnery at Upper Deck, my quest will come to a successful conclusion this winter. It turned out far better than I dreamed! In addition to husband, dad, and teacher, I have been transformed a game designer. I couldn't be prouder. *Keepers of the Questar* allows two players to choose from eight different heroes that will toil through eight maps. This leg of my quest draws to a close, but this means the number of quests that have yet to begin is innumerable. Best guessing!



*Gordon LeVasseur enjoys teaching and game design, is friend to many, enemy to few, and an all-around decent guy.*







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## EMBARCADERO

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In *Embarcadero* from game designers Ed Marriott (*Scoville*) and Adam Buckingham (*Mutiny*), you play the role of a savvy entrepreneur looking to build your own fortune on these derelict ships. You and your opponents tow these ships and grow the wharfside district that would become known as the Embarcadero and serve as the heart of a new thriving port city.



*Embarcadero* is a tile placement, area majority game, and hand management game with a spatial element for one to four players. Each player will take a character card featuring unique ongoing abilities, a one-time ability, and end-of-game scoring bonus. Choose a character from influential people from the Gold Rush era such as clothier Levi Strauss and chocolatier Domingo Ghirardelli or journalist Jennie Carter and bandit Joaquin Murrieta.

The game is divided into three rounds of two phases each: the Action Phase and the Buy Phase. In the Action Phase players play cards from their hands to perform one action: dock a ship, construct a building, or scrap a card.

When you dock a ship, you place a ship tile that matches the size and shape indicated by the ship card. You'll pay docking fees based for each space of your ship that is adjacent to the wharf, then you'll



place a structure on your ship. The resources shown on your ship are now available to use for constructing buildings.

To construct a building, you'll play a card to build it, checking your display to ensure you have all of the required resources. You'll place the building tile on top of a contiguous group of adjacent structures that you own in the harbor and score points. The resources shown on your building are now available to use for constructing other buildings.



The structures you build in *Embarcadero* are three-dimensional, which means you'll have to plan carefully as you build upward and outwards on the ship tiles. The maximum height is four structures, though, so there's no need to worry if you're not known for your skyscraper construction skills.

Finally, you may scrap a card by discarding it and performing the scrap action shown on the card or one of two basic scrap actions.

Of course, docking ships and constructing buildings won't make you unique in the world of the





*Embarcadero*. You'll have to buy and plan shrewdly in order to expand your budding empire. You'll build marketplaces, apartments, and churches, but you'll also want to build landmarks such as City Hall, the Palace Hotel, and the Royal Insurance Building to ensure you gain political influence on the council track.

During the Buy Phase, each player must buy a card and then score a card from their hand on their player board for the next round. Players buy one of eight cards available in the Market Rows, and if they cannot afford to do so, they are forced to draw one from the deck of their choice (ships or buildings) and pay for the card with victory points. It's important to note that you can go below zero on the score track, so be careful with your spending.

Next, a player must choose a card from their hand (which may include the card you just bought) and store it on their player board. During each round, players will take five actions, buys, and stores. The five cards you stored on your board will be your hand for the next round. After each round, a different category will score, along with the goal cards chosen during game setup.

The hustle and bustle of your booming enterprise continues for three rounds. Players tally their points in four categories (buildings, council track, stored cards, and character) and the highest score wins.

*Embarcadero* is available now from Renegade Game Studios. Included in the retail release is a solo variant, which guarantees games even while maintaining safe physical distance from your regular gaming partners.

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# THE NIGHT CAGE



## THE NIGHT CAGE

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*The Night Cage, an intriguing new horror-themed cooperative game published by Smirk & Dagger Games is just now hitting retail shelves with fans eagerly awaiting its arrival. The game draws you into a world of darkness and dread, with only a candle to light your way. The unique candlelight mechanic, which lights only a portion of the board at a time and forever removes tiles behind you, gives players the very palpable sense of being hopelessly lost in a maze, with unspeakable horrors awaiting just beyond your candle's light.*



Like most good ideas, *The Night Cage* was conceived over a long lunch. The three of us, Chris Chan, Chris McMahon, and Rosswell Saunders, worked in the same ad agency in Manhattan.

That day we discussed the possibility of making a solipsistic game, meaning only yourself and what you see exists. It was intriguing because it would give you phenomenal control over your environment while simultaneously limiting the reach of that control. We tossed concepts back and forth. Maybe it's a maze. Maybe you need keys to escape. Maybe there's a monster chasing you.

As you might expect, some of it straight up didn't work. An early idea for

teleporters was impossible to use. Monsters made no sense when you could just walk away and let the maze swallow them up. An attempt to play without a board (like Bananagrams) fell apart the instant two players walked away from one another, so we used a chess board as a stand in.

But — the core of the game, the solipsistic inspiration that hooked us all, worked. Even with the most basic art imaginable, the intrinsic terror of constantly giving up what you know — in exchange for searching for what you needed — was enthralling. We all knew from our first test that this was "Something".

One thing we agreed on right away was that the game should be cooperative. The maze was challenge enough and ruled out competitive play. It was clear too that this would be a horror game. Before the name, before the artwork, even before the candle as the metaphor for the game's ticking clock, the unknowable labyrinth being made and unmade by your presence evoked dread. It didn't need explicit danger or violence; the players' minds would do the work for us if we just got out of the way.

Minimalism became a core tenet of the game's design. You can see it in every piece of Chris Chan's sparse artwork. We decided very early that the game needed a restrained visual style, something that invited players to fill in the darkness themselves. Conveying that on a small canvas takes a huge amount of discipline and work. Chris' process led to more than 100 illustrations for monsters alone.

Minimalism extends to gameplay as well. Player turns offer a simple, understandable array of choices. "Do I move this turn? Which way do I go?" We wanted players focused on just a handful of systems with substantial impact: candlelight, board position, tile counts, Nerve.

We held ourselves to an economy of components. Chris McMahon established "no dice" as a mantra. If a concept required more pieces, we asked ourselves if it was really worth putting extra stuff in the box. Play testers said they wanted to discover tools or find some way to fight the monsters, but it became clear that items and powers aren't that interesting in a game where opportunities to use them vanish as







quickly as they appear. Besides, the object wasn't to conquer fear and become powerful; it was to scrape out a victory in spite of one's fear and powerlessness – a far more visceral and compelling experience.

Ross found a number of design contests for our nascent game. Winning the contest wasn't the point; we would gain valuable insight just by entering. More important, it gave us real deadlines. "The next round of this is in two weeks, we need to have a rulebook by then." Chaining together competitions kept our momentum high as months stretched into years.



As we kept pushing the game through these deadlines, it got tighter and sleeker. The initial teleporters became Pits, heightening the risk of movement and eliminating the problem of dead ends. We went from no board to a cloth board to eventually a traditional board. And most dramatically, we took our tiles from a random draw bag to a vertical shoe that stacks all the tiles in a way that evokes a continually burning candle. The candle not only creates a nice table presence, it also focuses the players' attention on their dwindling tiles and makes the stakes of running out more tactile.

One of our biggest evolutions was player death and elimination; to make the stakes feel high, monsters originally removed prisoners from the game — but sitting out isn't much fun — so we created "Lights Out" where being hit by a monster the first time would trap you in the dark on your own. If you were hit again, then you would be eliminated, so other players would work to save you before that happened. A great incentive for teamplay, but still too capricious. Finally, we traded killing off players into a loss of the tiles that everyone shares, transforming an individual penalty into a team penalty. It was a solution that made the game simultaneously more cooperative and more dangerous — perfect for *The Night Cage*.

Of course, no game is honed within a vacuum. A player at NYU's Game Center helped us find a balanced way for players to remain in place on their turn. An Unpub play tester challenged an early decision that led to our wrap around board. Gil Hova identified a need for a more distinct end game that became Final Flickers. The

friendly Canadians at Roxley pushed for more complex challenges and helped develop the Advanced Rules.

When we decided to look for a publisher to help us unleash *The Night Cage* on the world, Curt Covert at Smirk & Dagger Games immediately got what we were doing. He understood the impact of the unique mechanics and aesthetics of Chris' art, of course. He also grasped the themes of the game in a literary sense, which is to say that he understood the game in the way the three of us did and wanted to see our vision of the game through.



After three years of design and development, we ended up with exactly the game we wanted. It's cooperative, allowing team discussion but still offers plenty of player autonomy. It's accessible, easily learned by all gaming audiences, yet delivers strategic challenges that can be scaled up from play to play. It's horror in the very best sense, driven by a quiet, on-going dread. It's immersive and deeply thematic, where the simple progression of your turn feels like you are lost in the dark in an ever-shifting maze.

We never lost sight of the flicker we saw in our first test, a light in the dark we've been crawling towards for years. But game ideas are like tiles in the *Night Cage*; they only exist if they are seen. We're thrilled to finally push this one into the light.

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*Chris Chan, Chris McMahon, and Rosswell Saunders are the creators of The Night Cage, professional ad men, and all-around swell dudes despite being professional ad men. Chris Chan takes too many photos, Chris McMahon thinks too hard about cartoons, and Ross once ate a stick of butter like a candy bar to prove a point. Collectively, they can grow 2 beards.*





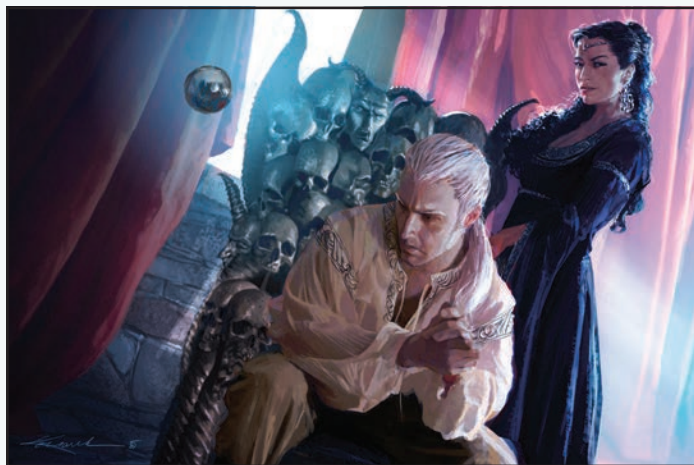
## PTOLUS: MONTE COOK'S CITY BY THE SPIRE (CYPHER SYSTEM/5E COMPATIBLE)

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Since the release of the original *Ptolus* back in 2006, I've been asked many times: In a setting with so many districts, dungeons, site, and locations all described in great detail, what is my favorite place?

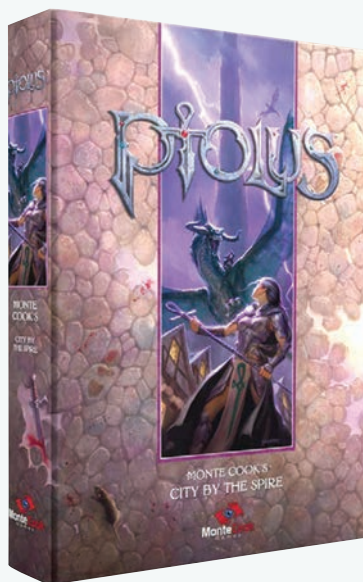
That's a really hard question. It almost depends on what kind of a mood I'm in. See, I was always the annoying DM growing up who would create a campaign, start the players in it, and then suddenly get it into my head to want to do something else, and scrap the campaign to start a new one. So to deal with my own foibles in this regard, I tend to create campaigns where it's easy to switch gears. In *Ptolus*, you can run a solve-the-mystery adventure and follow it up immediately with a dungeon crawl, a manhunt, or whatever.

What I'm getting at is my opinion might change on any given day. For example, today, I might tell you that my favorite locations in *Ptolus* are:



**Dwarvenhearth**, an ancient underground city of the dwarves, now abandoned because the dwarves no longer feel worthy of its greatness. I like Dwarvenhearth because it's sort of a big "dungeon" to explore, but also because of the pathos involved. I see dwarves as being extremely dedicated to honor and their own ideals, and to them Dwarvenhearth was like a promised land. About a thousand years ago, their actions made them (in their own eyes anyway) unworthy of the place, and so they sealed it up and left. But they left behind guardians — dwarves so committed to the ideal of keeping Dwarvenhearth safe forever that they underwent a ritual which cost them their very souls, turning them into eternal, soulless guardians. You can't reason with these guardians, but can you really bring yourself to slay them?

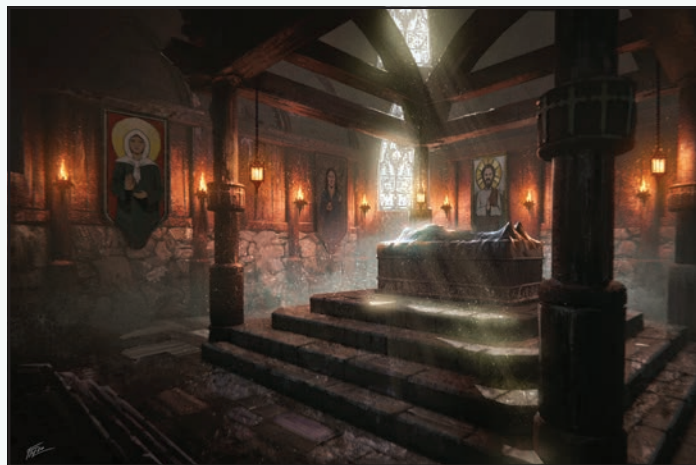
**Castle Shard**, a fortress built around a gigantic crystal of mysterious origin and power. Something (perhaps the crystal itself?) chooses figures within the city to become the lords of the castle, and they are granted great power and influence. The current lords, Zavere and Rill, are two very interesting characters (he an ex-blackguard now fighter and she an ex-paladin now sorceress) known mostly for their bizarre parties. Castle Shard represents, in a way, the cool kids in school whose clique you really want to be a part of—impressing the Lords of Castle Shard is a significant thing, and getting them to be your allies seems like a reward in and of itself. But since they're not actual royalty or rulers (an in fact seem outside of such concerns), there's no



anti-authority resentment to feel toward them. Plus, there's a lot of mystery about what's really going on with them, which is fun.

**Myraeth's Oddities**, a small shop in the middle of the city. A lot of players hear about Myraeth's and assume that it's important because it sells magic items (among other things). These people, however, are missing the point. See, when adventurers come back from a mission, they've invariably got a bunch of weird loot — gems, jewelry, works of art, golden idols, candlesticks, etc. Plus, some magic items that they can't use. Myraeth has carved out his niche buying (and then re-selling) practically anything.

So adventurers can come here and liquidate all of their haul at one place (and then check out to see if anyone else has brought in anything interesting that they'd want to buy). I like Myraeth's because it's the kind of place that only adventurers know about or care about, which means that when you go in, it's always full of interesting customers. I also just like it because it's simply a logical outgrowth of having *D&D*-style adventurers in the world. I often liken *Ptolus* to being like a gold rush town, but instead of prospectors striking it rich, it's adventurers. And, like a gold rush town, *Ptolus* caters to the needs of the people with the money.



But tomorrow I might say Jabel Shammar (the fortress at the top of the Spire), the ethereal islands called the Seven Jewels of Parnait, the shady pub called the Onyx Spider, or the lost city of dreams, Dreta Phantas.

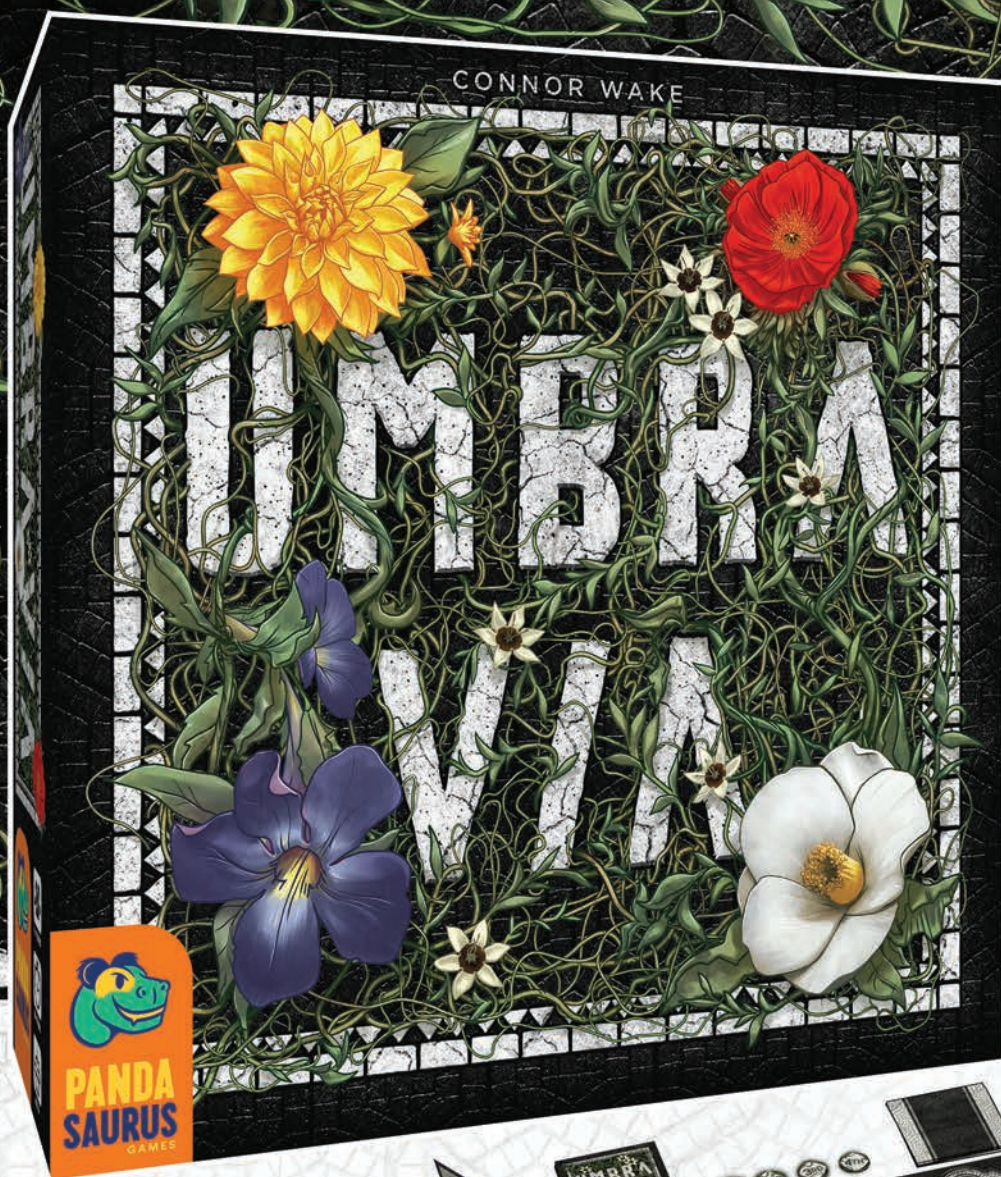
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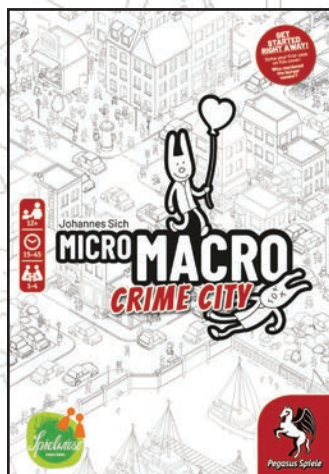
## CRIME CITY



### MICROMACRO: CRIME CITY

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*MicroMacro: Crime City* is the new game from Johannes Sich and Hard Boiled Games, published by Pegasus Spiele. Crime City, as you might guess from the name, is indeed filled with crimes. It's up to the players to not only find the crimes but also how they were committed and who were the perpetrators. All the clues you need are the huge (75x110cm) city map, but you'll need to look carefully for them in the densely illustrated layout (the game comes complete with a plastic magnifying lens too). Only by finding the all facts is each case closed. But this is Crime City,

and so there are more crimes needing your attention!

The game comes with 16 cases, each composed of a series of cards (120 in all) challenging players to locate specific scenes in the city related to the crime. Where did the offence occur? Who was the criminal? What was the motive? As each scene is located, players unravel the full details of the case. Each case has a difficulty rating, with truly complex cases containing tasks that need to be worked simultaneously.

One player acts as lead investigator, reading aloud from the front of the next case card on what's needed to solve this part of the mystery. That doesn't mean they aren't also involved in the hunt for clues, though. It's only when a solution is proposed that this player turns over the card to see if the proposed solution is correct. If yes, the players move on to the next card and their next task, getting one step further in solving the case. If not, the lead investigator must reclude themselves from that portion of the search as the other players try again.

The map is the game's signature component, and at first glance it would be easy to assume it is only a static snapshot of the many (many!) activities in this sordid city. And indeed, there are plenty of unusual, inexplicable, and of course criminal events to be found wherever you look. But there's much more than that.

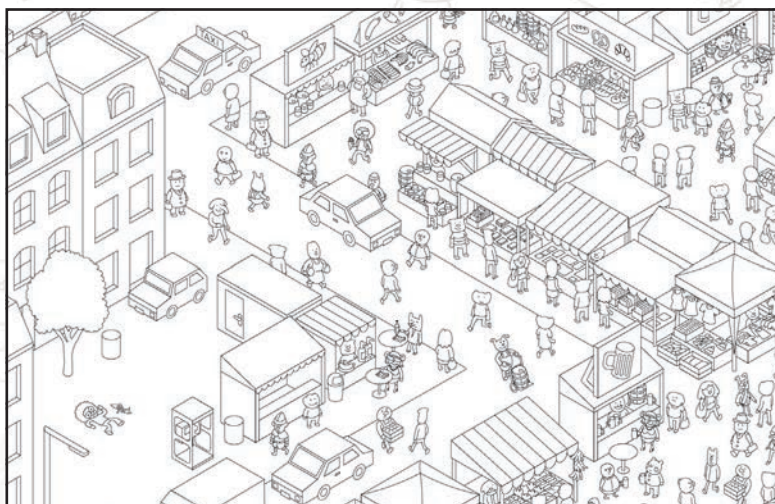
The map is really a collection of stories, allowing players to trace the path of individuals through the day. This is where the game is truly afoot, as often just finding the victim or crime scene is the start of a case. Players must trace events backwards and forwards in time to find out the details of the crime. You don't just see a someone as a fixed figure — you see other images of that person earlier in the day, moving down streets, getting something to eat, or meeting other people, before meeting their fate. You can similarly find a perpetrator watching their target, following them and waiting for the perfect moment to strike. You'll discover

images of the culprit making off with stolen loot or trying to hide a murder weapon "later" in their timeline as well. All of these details allow players to piece together separate moments to form the entire narrative of the crime.

There so many fun things to discover as you travel around and take in the city sights. Some may be part of cases you'll undertake later on, and others may just be part of the quirkiness of Crime City. For example, there's an odd assortment of even odder people fishing (maybe for red herrings?), and a mysterious Masked Avenger possibly stalking the city's miscreants. Several citizens dressed as fantasy archers are roaming the streets; could they be part of a crime wave or just off to a costume party? With so many interesting details, players can keep the game fresh by inventing new stories to unravel and crimes to solve.

In a game filled with neat innovations, though, one really stands out for me. There's a separate case right there on the front cover, allowing would-be sleuths to find out how a luckless burger vendor was dispatched (with the solution on the back cover). It's a clever way to test drive a game right there in the store without needing to even open the box.

You can also try your skills on another case we've put online at <https://www.micromacro-game.com/en/democase.html>, complete with a small section of the map. Groovy DJ Lars Vegas never made it back home after buying some chips (fries for us in the US), but who did him in and why? It's The Case of the Hot Chips, and perfect for getting a taste of the investigative adventures in *MicroMacro: Crime City*!

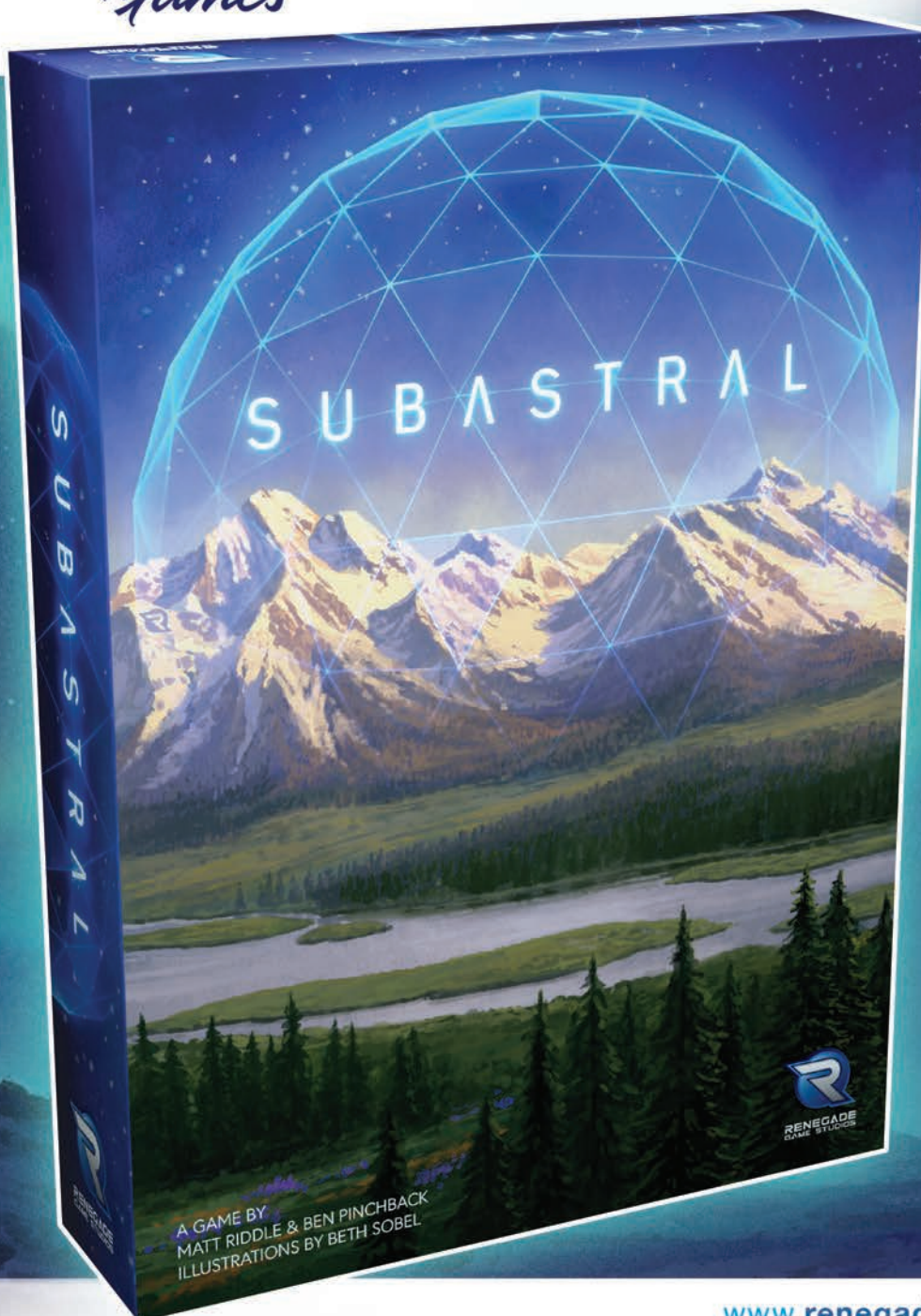


A tiny, seemingly quiet section of the Crime City map. DJ Lars Vegas isn't looking well, though. Can you also spot where he was moments before? Or the furtive individual stalking him?

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## EPISODE #33: USING SPOT COLORS

Welcome to the latest “episode” of *Painting Happy Lil Minis* in *Game Trade Magazine*. Each month, Dave will provide us with a look at a particular painting technique, how to apply that technique to a particular color, and maybe even an additional technique to take your paintjobs to the next level.

You can also see Dave painting live each week on our *Game Trade Media* Facebook page — Thursdays at 7pm EST. Dave is joined by Gretchen Settle, and occasionally by other painters who each bring great painting advice and their own style to the table.

### ADDING A COLOR THAT GUIDES THE EYE

Much of your preparation for painting tends to be working out color schemes and how to best apply them to each model. It can vary from relatively straightforward *D&D* adventurers with leather and armor aplenty through to color schemes that need to be applied across a variety of models in an army, possibly wearing a variety of armor styles and equipment.

We’ve spoken before about the ways to create schemes with things to consider like tonal contrast or hue contrast — light and dark tones or colors opposite each other on the color wheel. It can be fairly easy to put those color schemes together, but more difficult to find colors to use on the little decorative items often found adorning our models. This is where spot colors come in.

On these pages you’ll see some examples of the use of spot colors to enhance a scheme, add some extra depth, and draw attention to a focal point on the model:

- One of my favorite uses across an army is to use spot colors on certain weapon types. Plasma guns, plasma pistols, and plasma cannons should all use the same color across the army, so that it’s obvious to both you and your opponent which weapons are very dangerous. In fantasy-based armies they can be used to denote magical weapons and other items too.
- They can be used to frame a particular feature of a model by dotting them around the feature. Your eye will be drawn around the finished piece and focus on the central point.
- And finally, they can add an extra layer of depth if the color you choose contrasts one of those in your primary color scheme.

This Warcry miniature (converted for use in *Necromunda*) is covered in feathers that were perfect for adding spot colors.

Note how the three yellow feathers draw your eye around the model, keeping the focus on the crow mask.







These three wizards (from the same *Warhammer* army) all share a similar color scheme. The spot color of jade not only highlights their magical items and creatures, but it helps frame them too.

These miniatures from a *Warhammer* 40,000 *Adeptus Mechanicus* army both use blue as a spot color, but the subtle difference of the hue on the weapons denotes that they use differing technologies.



These Aberrants - from the Genestealer Cult army for *Warhammer* 40,000 — also use blue as a spot color on their tongues and as the energy coils for their dangerous power hammers.



These *Necromunda* Escher miniatures use purple to add a nice pop to their otherwise understated scheme. The location helps draw attention to their faces.

## WHAT'S WITH THE BLOOD?

Sometimes you'll find that it's difficult to add a spot color to a miniature. This Ogor Breacher from *Warcry*, for example is covered in dark metal armor with gold and brass trim.

Because he's such a combat monster I used Citadel's Blood for the Blood God technical paint to add splashes of shiny gore, giving the model an extra layer of depth and interest.



Dave Taylor first discovered painting miniatures for tabletop wargames in 1991. Since then he has painted over 10,000 minis of all shapes, sizes, and genres. He now primarily paints miniatures for tabletop wargames, and has recently really enjoyed bringing board game miniatures to life





## HANSA TEUTONICA BIG BOX (PSD 55148G)

From Pegasus Spiele, reviewed by Eric Steiger

 3 - 5 Players	 12 & Up
 45 - 90 Minutes	 \$49.99

The first thing that needs to be made abundantly clear about *Hansa Teutonica* is that it is the Euroest Eurogame to ever Euro. From the art, to the prevalence of little wooden tokens, to the theme (merchants in the Hanseatic League trying to earn “prestige”), this game screams “I AM ABOUT ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY” at you as loudly as it can, in German. If the notion of incremental increases in your ability to strategically distribute colored wooden cubes does not excite you, then seek your entertainment elsewhere. If, however, you are excited by building trade routes and forcing people to decide whether it’s worth paying you resources to steal that action, then read on.

The second thing to understand, specifically about the *Hansa Teutonica Big Box*, is that it’s not that big. It includes all three expansions that were published for *Hansa Teutonica*, but it’s not the overwhelming investment that many “Big Box” game compilations are, and the MSRP is only \$50, on par with plenty of other medium-weight games. So don’t be intimidated by the name.



*Hansa Teutonica* is, unsurprisingly, a map of Germany upon which you want to place wooden cubes. You do this by taking (initially) two actions on your turn, which consist of the following options: moving some amount of traders from your stock (unusable) to your useable supply, placing a trader on a route between two cities, moving some amount of already-placed traders to different spots, or creating a trade route between cities that you completely connect and getting a bonus for it. Relatively simple, right?

Why do I say “initially”, or “some amount”? Because the heart of the game lies in the ability to take more traders from your desk setup and unlock upgrades. Some cities allow you to upgrade your efficiency when you connect them on a trade routes, such as getting additional actions on each of your turns, increasing the number of traders you can move, increasing the amount of traders you take from your stock to your supply in a single action, or improving your endgame scoring.

Furthermore, just because you have a trader on a route right now doesn’t mean they’re going to stay on that route. When you place (not move) a trader, you can displace someone else’s, but you pay a price for it. It costs you an additional trader from your supply (into your stock) to steal a spot; in addition, the trader you displace *and an additional one from that player’s stock* get to each move to any open spot on an adjacent route. Even better, some lucky few traders are merchants (discs instead of cubes), and displacing a merchant costs



an additional trader, and grants an extra free one for that player to place. Because of this rule, it’s vitally important to determine the spots most valuable not just to you, but to your opponents, so you can force them to displace you for extra efficiency.

It’s also worth noting that connecting cities doesn’t automatically make them yours, either. To control a city, you must complete a connection, then move one of the traders you used to do so in an empty trading post spot on that city...if you are privileged to do so. At the beginning of the game, you only have privilege to place in white trading post spots. How do you unlock more? With your upgrades, of course! Control of a city goes to the player occupying the majority of trading post spots there and grants you passive scoring whenever someone (no matter who) completes a route to that city.

All of this sounds a lot more complex than it is, but the decisions involved in which upgrades to go for, whether it’s worth it to place pieces in the hopes of them getting displaced so you can put them where you *really* want them to go, and which final scoring strategy to go for are delightful and playing your first game almost inevitably results in a desire to play again now that you’ve seen which strategies you *could* have gone for.

In the interests of full disclosure, I have not tried using any of the expansions yet, and after several plays, feel like I could have gotten my money’s worth just for the base game. But I have it on good authority that they add layers to the strategy for an expert-level game without getting rid of the base play, and I’m looking forward to trying them if I ever get tired of the base game. However... that could take a while. For fans of German efficiency, I wholeheartedly recommend the *Hansa Teutonica Big Box*.

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*Eric is your friend, and friends wouldn’t let you play bad games.*





## PAN AM (FNK 48719)

From Funko Games, reviewed by John and Isaac Kaufeld

 12 & Up	 2 - 4 Players
 60 Minutes	 \$34.99

I grew up listening to my dad's store stories about working for Pan Am as a mechanic and then a pilot, so when a board game with the Pan Am globe appeared on the scene, I knew we had to give it a try. And I'm so glad we did.

*Pan Am*, from Funko Games, is a tremendously fresh and easy to learn game experience. But "easy to learn" doesn't mean "simple," as *Pan Am* delivers a surprising amount of player choices and strategic options.

Let's look at the top five things you need to know before taking off with *Pan Am*.

### ALL EYES ON THE BOARD

The most striking — and somewhat unsettling — thing about *Pan Am* is the map. Nothing is where you expect it to be.

North and South America go from the lower right corner toward the center, and Asia and Europe circle around the upper left and top.

Although the board takes some getting used to, that's part of what makes the game feel so fresh.

### SPACES FOR EVERYTHING

The board layout organizes the airplanes and various card decks.

The Event deck drives each game turn. During setup, you use just one of the four event cards numbered for each turn. This gives you plenty of replay value because you never know what the deck will contain.

The Destination deck has two cards for each city on map. You use these cards to gain landing rights when you claim a route. These come up randomly, forcing you to be flexible when selecting routes.

The Directive deck gives you incredibly powerful one-shot cards to use either during a round or at game end. Nothing bad comes out of this deck.



### PLACING YOUR ENGINEERS

Each round, your engineers take actions on the board. Depending on the number of players, you get between three (four players) and five (two players) engineers.

Players take turns assigning one engineer at a time to one of the five action areas. Some actions make you bid for something (airport, destination card, or new planes), while others are free but mark the order that the players placed their engineers.

In an interesting twist, engineers claiming a card from the powerful Directive deck get first placement "priority" for the next turn.

### CLAIMING ROUTES

A big part of the game involves claiming routes by using destination cards and placing airplanes.



To claim a route, you need landing rights in both airports. That's where Destination cards come in. If you have the cards for both cities on your route and a plane with enough range to connect them, then you're good to go. Claim the route and add the length to your income.

Owning an airport in a city automatically gives you landing rights. You can also get them by discarding one card from the same region or a pair of cards from a different region, but then the cards are gone so you need to use an engineer to get more.

### PAN AM TAKES OVER

Each player runs a small regional airline serving different routes around the world — routes that Pan Am may want to own.

At the end of each turn, you roll the Pan Am die. It's a custom die with five sides showing one or two route symbols and the sixth emblazoned with the Pan Am logo. The turn's event card tells you how many times to roll.

If route symbols come up, then Pan Am claims the next route on that line. If you own the route, you get cash based on the route's length. Otherwise, Pan Am just expands for free.

When the Pan Am symbol appears, all players can sell one of their routes. Longer routes mean a bigger windfall, but also a bigger bite out of each turn's cash flow.

Use your cash to buy Pan Am stock, which varies in price throughout the game. In the end, the player with the most stock wins.

### VERDICT

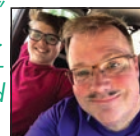
With a combination of worker placement, bidding, route building, stock acquisition, and fleet management, *Pan Am* offers something for everyone.

The event deck and directive cards take the game's flexibility to another level. In one of our tests, the final event card, combined with a handful of directives, turned a crushing defeat into a very narrow victory. We were both impressed with the close scoring for each game.

*Pan Am* is one of the best board games we played in the last year — and that's saying something, because a lot of games hit our table. We highly recommend it.

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*John Kaufeld often frets about whether the word "meeple" has a proper plural form. This rarely worries Isaac at all. Recently, they threatened to launch a father and son podcast about gaming, movies, and family life called "And Maybe a Lemon." Who knows what might happen next?*





## DISNEY VILLAINOUS: DESPICABLE PLOTS (RVN 60001913)

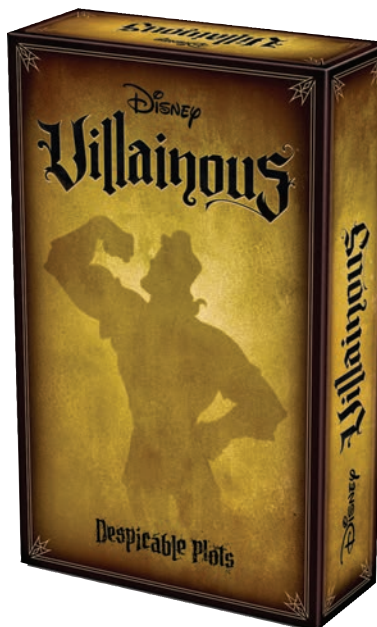
From Ravensburger, reviewed by Brian Herman

 10 & Up	 2 - 3 Players
 40 - 60 Minutes	 \$24.99

"It feels so good to be bad." For anyone that's ever watched a clash between good and evil and empathized with the villain, Ravensburger's *Villainous* game line is for you. Whereas heroes are stalwart and full of righteousness, villains have flair, flamboyance, and panache. Most importantly, villains have *goals*, whether it's to be the fairest in the land or the conquer the world. The *Villainous* series really dives into this material, allowing players to choose their favorite bad guy and pursue those goals. Ever since the core set of this game was dropped, I've picked up every single expansion with eagerness. The individual character and commitment to authenticity shown to each villain in this series is truly exceptional, and the latest expansion *Despicable Plots* is no exception.

If you haven't played anything in the *Villainous* series, it's a pretty simple concept: players choose their favorite Disney villain and take the corresponding mini, play board, and 2 decks of cards – one to represent the villain's plots, items, and henchmen, and one to represent the assorted heroes that stand in the way. Each villain has a specific endgame or goal, and the first player to achieve their goal wins the game. Players take turns moving about their own individual realms and triggering various actions to gain power and further their own goals, fight with heroes or simply mess up their opponents' plans.

The nice thing about the *Villainous* expansions is that they are standalone games in and of themselves, each containing 3 villains that can be played with on their own or combined with others in the series. *Despicable Plots* includes Gaston from *Beauty and the Beast*, the Horned King from *The Black Cauldron*, and Lady Tremaine from *Cinderella*. While each has their own goals, strengths, and weaknesses, they are individually just as wicked as each other. Whereas Gaston is a straightforward brawler who prefers to resolve conflict with brute force against all enemies in his path, Lady Tremaine is a schemer, preferring to move behind the scenes to marry one her daughters to the Prince with guile and subterfuge. The Horned King has even grander plans, wanting to claim the Black Cauldron and rise "Cauldron Born" warriors in each location in his realm as a grand army he can use to conquer the world. What I really noticed about this particular expansion is that it plays well within itself as a standalone game,



which is to say that no villain feels like the "best" choice. Additionally, the villains here seamlessly integrate into the larger *Villainous* universe, their power levels are right on with what we've come to know so far. This is a testament to Ravensburger's commitment to balance within the brand, and I couldn't be happier with that. Expansions in my mind should add options to a game, not become necessary additions to stay relevant.

The commitment to authenticity and quality Ravensburger puts into the material here can't be understated. Each villain feels like themselves, down to each individual action, card, and mechanic. When

you're playing Gaston, you feel like the town bully that can eat 5 dozen eggs and when you're playing Lady Tremaine, you feel like you're working behind the scenes to manipulate the Prince to marry one of your daughters while keeping Cinderella locked away. The cardstock and quality of materials is perfect, and completely matches the rest of the *Villainous* games. The art is absolutely perfectly Disney, which lends itself to the feel of the game in a compelling and captivating way.

In conclusion, whether you're a longtime fan of the *Villainous* series or if you're simply interested in dipping your toe in the pool of being a bad guy, *Despicable Plots* is most certainly worth more than a look. If you do decide to pick it up, fair warning: While playing you may experience delusions of grandeur or a malevolent itch to confront and irritate everyone else at the gaming table. This is perfectly normal; it just means you're stepping into the shoes of a villain a little too well, which brings us all back to my original point: "It feels so good to be bad."

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Brian Herman has over 30 years experience playing games, is a father of two, and the Sorting Hat would have difficulty placing him between Ravenclaw and Slytherin. His favorite games include AEG's Smash-Up, WizKid's HeroClix line, as well as classics like Settlers of Catan and Munchkin.





**ALIENS: ANOTHER GLORIOUS DAY IN THE CORPS (GF9 ALIENS01)**

From Gale Force Nine, reviewed by Thomas Riccardi

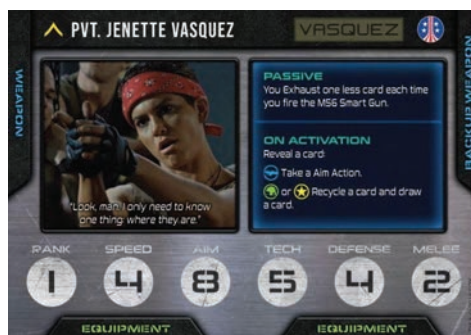
 14 & Up	 1 - 6 Players
 60 - 120 Minutes	 \$60.00

All contact has been lost from Hadley's Hope, a colony on planet LV-426. You are part of a detachment of Marines sent to this planet to assess what's happened. However, as soon as you make planetfall you notice that the situation is far, far worse than anyone realized. Will you be able to fight against this new threat or will you fall like the colonists? This is the setting of the latest game from Gale Force Nine – *Aliens: Another Glorious Day in the Corps*.

This boxed set comes complete with four double-sided game boards that show off various locations from the *Aliens* movie. There are also nine Mission Cards that can be played separately or together as a massive campaign. Each of these cards show how that mission is to be set up along with objectives, special conditions, and any other notes for the players. There are also Character Cards, dice, Equipment and Campaign tokens, as well as Endurance and Motion Tracker cards.

The star of the boxed set has to be the miniatures: not only do you get Ellen Ripley and Newt but five marines as well. Hicks, Vasquez, Frost, Hudson, and Gorman are also included along with 16 Alien models in various poses. These miniatures are incredibly detailed and will require some assembly; however, once they are built, the minis are amazing either "as is" or painted for an added experience.

To begin, Gale Force Nine suggests Mission 1: Newt. After setting up the game board according to the directions, each player selects a hero from the deck. You can then gear up your characters with weapons and equipment and then set up the Endurance Deck. The Endurance Deck is where you will not only pull weapons and equipment but also events and hazards as



well. It is crucial to manage this Endurance Deck because if there are no cards in the deck and the exhaust pile all players immediately lose the game. This means that you have to plan carefully as you will need these cards to go through and win the scenario.

The game is broken down into three phases: Marine, Alien and Finish up. During the Marine phase characters can perform up to two actions each turn. A "Move" action allows the character to move equal to their speed trait. You can also "Aim" (increase the



dial by one), "Interact" (search for supplies or interact with computer terminals), "Rest" (draw cards and/or recycle exhausted cards), or use a card action.

Characters can also "Attack" during this phase by rolling a ten-sided die. If the roll is higher than the number on the Aim dial, the attack misses, if it is lower or matches the number then the Alien is killed in combat.

The Alien phase consists of activating Aliens (which means having them run and attack the Marines), activating the blips that act like the motion tracker from the movie and spawning in new aliens. The last part of this phase is to draw more motion tracker cards which will be used to spawn even more Aliens ("I've got readings all over the place!").

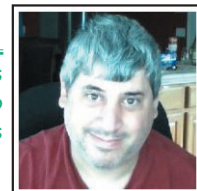
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The Finish phase just deals with resolving any effects, check for any victory or defeat conditions (for example if all the characters have been killed or knocked out then the aliens win) and Clean-Up, which means to reset the Aim dial and move the next dial upwards to start the next turn.

If you love the film *Aliens*, then you owe it to yourself to get a copy of this game as it captures all the tense moments from that feature film. For more information on this as well as other releases head over to [www.gf9.com](http://www.gf9.com) and get ready to get it on!

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When not writing or playing games Thomas Riccardi can be found in Sacramento preparing for the day when zombies, vampires or aliens invade.







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